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WHITEAWAY'S

TURKEY'S OFFER TO MEDIATE IN IRAQI'S DISPUTE WITH BRITAIN

LONDON, MAY 5 (REUTER).—IT IS NOW CONFIRMED IN LONDON THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAVE OFFERED TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND IRAQI GOVERNMENTS, SAYS "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHILE GREATLY APPRECIATING THE FRIENDLY MOTIVE OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO POINT OUT THAT THE ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE OF ENTERING INTO ANY NEGOTIATIONS IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF IRAQI TROOPS FROM HABBANIYAH.

IMPOSSIBLE IRAQI CONDITION

ISTANBUL, May 5 (UP).—The Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu has offered his services as intermediary in the dispute between Iraq and Britain and the Turkish Foreign Office is reported to be very active in attempting to settle the matter.

It is understood that the Iraq Government, as one of the conditions of a possible agreement, propose that British troops be withdrawn from the country, but it is admitted that this bargaining point represents a serious demand. Simultaneously it is emphasized that Britain cannot lose her communications with Turkey and Palestine.

EXPENSIVE RAID ON CRETE

Heavy Nazi Air Losses

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—An R.A.F. communique states that British fighter planes intercepted enemy planes which were raiding Crete and shot down four and damaged another. Anti-aircraft fire destroyed others.

C-in-C Appointed

CANEA, Crete, May 5 (Reuter).—Allied forces in Crete are now under the command of the New Zealand General, Major-General C. B. Freyberg, V.C., Commander-in-Chief of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

This is announced in the following Order of the Day by the Greek Prime Minister and War Minister, Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos: "In order better to conduct the struggle which we have undertaken with our powerful ally, Great Britain, His Majesty King George and his Government have decided that the Allied troops of the island should be placed under a single command.

"Major General Freyberg has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the island."

Direct Hits On Scharnhorst and Gneisenau

Sustained Attack By R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced to-day that pilots claimed direct hits on the German battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest last night.

The attack on Brest was intense, lasting two hours, beginning shortly before midnight.

The R.A.F. pilots "carried great loads of armour-piercing bombs, and the pilots report very accurate bombing. Direct hits on both battle-cruisers are claimed. Sticks of very heavy bombs also fell repeatedly across the dockyard in which one vessel is berthed."

One pilot said that he had spent an hour and a quarter going backward and forward over Brest, including three runs over the battle-cruisers, before he dropped his bombs.

Glorious Hour

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—In one crowded hour on Sunday night over an enemy occupied aerodrome in occupied France, from which German bombers attack Britain, one R.A.F. pilot attacked five Nazi raiders returning to their base. Although he was unable to see the result of his attacks, states the Air Ministry News Service, five of the enemy planes must be regarded as seriously damaged.

Brest A Poor Shelter

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—A great load of heavy armourpiercing bombs was carried to Brest on Sunday night by the R.A.F. to drop on the two Nazi battle cruisers, Scharn-

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Nazi Raiders Pay Dearly

Many Downed Over British Isles

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The German air force lost at least eight bombers on Sunday night to the fire of British night fighters, anti-aircraft guns and a destroyer when the principal targets were Northern Ireland and northwest England, including—for the fourth night in succession—Merseyside.

The destroyer Southdown, it became known to-night, raised the night's total to just half that of Saturday night when she was attacked by a twin-engined German bomber. Her fire caused the raider to burst into flames and crash into the sea.

The Southdown proceeded on her course without having suffered any casualties.

Daylight Success

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—Two German planes were shot down during daylight to-day when a small number of enemy aircraft crossed the southeast coast of Britain.

Bombs were dropped at a point in the southeast and there were bursts

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TOBRUK BATTLE CONTINUES

Counter-Attack By British Forces

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—On the night of May 3-4, our troops at Tobruk launched a counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and broke up preparations which were being made for a renewal of attack, says a communique.

In the Sollum area, our mechanised forces were again active. Several enemy detachments were successfully engaged with losses in personnel and armoured fighting vehicles.

Dent In Defences

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—A Military spokesman described the position at Tobruk to-day as "Both sides are still licking their wounds."

On the first day of this attack, he added, the enemy made a breach of 2,000 yards like a blister in the south-west part of the outer perimeter but new British defence lines have been built across this point which was some miles from the inner defence line.

The spokesman said that it was quite probable that the enemy had lost a total of 50 tanks so far.

Communications by sea remained open and a number of prisoners had already been shipped.

ABYSSINIA

Italian Counter Raid Repulsed

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—A communique states that in the Debub area of Abyssina, Indian troops occupied Emadani and Uiethert on May 3. During the course of this operation, a heavy counter-attack by the enemy in greatly superior forces was driven back, leaving an officer and 250 other ranks prisoners in our hands.

"Yesterday further important positions were occupied and the advance upon Amba Alagi is steadily proceeding.

"A large number of enemy troops have surrendered. The number has not yet been counted.

"In the southern districts further progress is reported by all our columns operating in pursuit of the enemy."

Situation Looks Good

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—Reviewing the position in Abyssinia, the spokesman said that the British threat to Amba Alagi continued to make progress. Indian troops, mostly Wahils, had been doing real mountaineering, dragging guns and supplies up the mountainside. The situation looked good.

Prisoners had been taken and a counter-attack had been defeated.

Official Communique

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—An official communique issued from British G.H.Q. states:

"Iraqi artillery posted in the vicinity of Habbaniyah was rendered comparatively inactive yesterday by our aircraft. The garrison of Habbaniyah is intact and has suffered very few casualties from the unprovoked Iraqi attack. A greater part of the Iraqi air force has already been destroyed by our air force either while attempting to attack the British camps or as the result of attacks by our air force on Iraqi air bases.

"After attacking an unarmed British construction gang which was in the vicinity, Iraqi forces on May 2 occupied Ruthah.

"In the Basra area, our troops remain in occupation without interference.

Situation Delicate

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—Well informed circles to-day stated that the fighting is continuing around Habbaniyah and that the situation is "a little delicate." An unarmed British construction party in the vicinity of Rutba have probably been taken prisoner. The party consisted mainly of workmen belonging to local tribes but were led by a few British sapper officers and non-commissioned officers.

Warning Leaflets

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—Radio Ankara this evening quoted the Baghdad radio as saying that British planes dropped leaflets on Baghdad

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R.A.F. Pound The Enemy

Raids In Cirenaica And Abyssinia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communique states that over Cirenaica on the night of May 3-4, bombers raided the Benina aerodrome causing a number of fires and explosions. The Derna aerodrome was also bombed with similar results.

Enemy motor transport and mechanised units, some of which were carrying troops were bombed and machine-gunned in the Maraua area. A number of transport vehicles were destroyed and others damaged. Casualties were inflicted on the troops.

Other bombers attacked the military headquarters southeast of Tobruk causing four large fires.

Vigorous Attacks

The Italian headquarters in Abyssinia were machine-gunned by fighters of the South African Air Force and vigorous attacks were made on stores dumps, motor transport and troops throughout the day between Falaga Pass and the Dessie road.

It is estimated that over 100 motor transport vehicles were severely damaged.

The stores dumps were repeatedly hit by bombs.

Two aircraft are missing from all these operations.

America's Big Plane Output For Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (UP).—The Department of Commerce announces that 414 aeroplanes valued at $25,000,000 and 983 engines valued at $13,500,000 were shipped to Britain during March.

New Record High

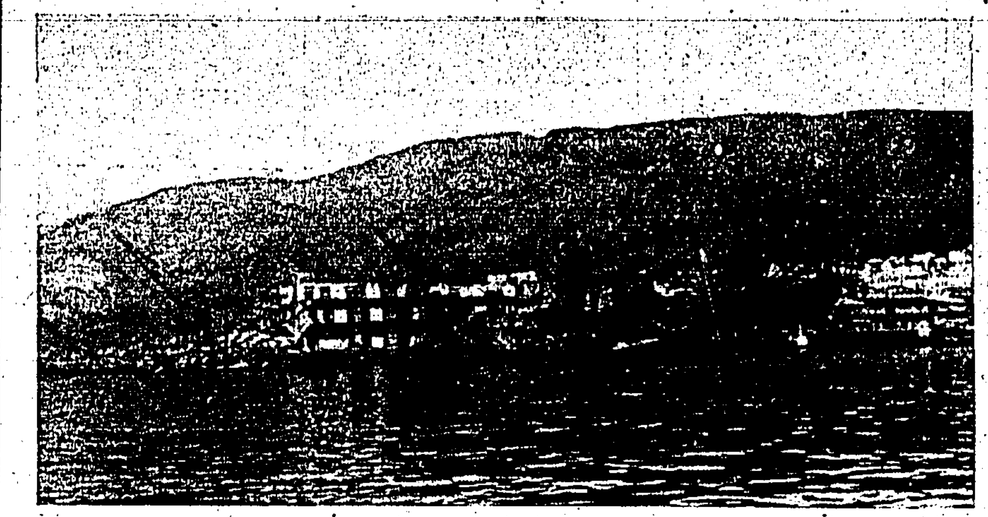
It was learned to-day that United States aeroplane production hit a new high mark during April, 1,498 planes being turned out. The previous record was on March when 1,216 planes were produced.

Informed quarters said that 78 were commercial planes and the balance went to the Army, Navy and Britain.

Mr William Knudsen, Chairman of the Office of Production Management said recently that the March output would be doubled by August 31.

British Bombers Did This At Bergen

Amongst the many important objectives of British bombers have been the German occupied ports of France, Holland, Norway and Denmark. These two pictures illustrate the effectiveness of those attacks. One protograph shows a military objective in Bergen sent up in billowing smoke, and below a German transport loaded with war material sunk at a pier in the Bergen harbour.



NAVAL POLICY OF UNITED STATES

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (Domei). — The Foreign Policy Association report declared that creation of the two-ocean navy might justify the acquirement by the United States of naval footholds in the Eastern Atlantic and Singapore and Australia and over in West Africa.

The report stated that all-out United States aid to Britain was only a second type of action to prevent the Axis control of the high seas.

It is most important to extend "the bulwark of the outer naval defences" through the acquisition of bases, especially in the neighbourhood of Brazil.

Although the question of bases in the Azores, Cape Verde and Canary Islands and Singapore is controversial, the report goes on, "such moves could be justified."

Ship & Bombers To Britain

All-out aid to Britain may best be obtained by granting the United States destroyers, cruisers, submarine-chasers, patrol boats and patrol bombers. The report said that the United States is building the two-ocean Navy against the possibility of the British collapse or the destruction and capture of the British Navy.

Even should the Axis use all capital ships against the United States, authoritative computations indicate that the Axis is currently enjoying only the odds of five to three in battleships which are insufficient for a successful action against the Western Hemisphere since odds of three to one are believed necessary, the report said.

Monopoly of Building

The report urged investigation into naval construction costs, asserting that whereas the United States 35,000-ton ship is costing $70,000,000 to $100,000,000, the battleship King George's cost is estimated at $28,000,000.

"It has been charged, firstly, that through a quasi-monopoly, a few enterprises are able to control private naval construction and to raise prices; secondly, naval officials are showing insufficient concern for economy; thirdly, the practices in Government yards are inefficient although their cost is below private contractors," the report pointed out.

War Reaches Antarctic

German Operations

BOSTON, May 5 (Reuter).—Germans and Japanese have been in the Antarctic and British naval forces have blown up a Norwegian whaler repair ship in Deception Bay to prevent her use by the Germans.

These reports have been brought back to the United States from Little America by members of Admiral Byrd's expedition who returned to-day.

The officers stated that rumours of German operations near Deception Island came to them from other mariners but the captain of Admiral Byrd's ship, North Star, declared that before the ship left the Antarctic he saw a Japanese whaler manoeuvring off the coast.

PLANES OVER ALEXANDRIA

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft flew over Alexandria between 10 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. last Sunday night. There were no casualties or damage.

GERMAN DESIGNS ON SYRIA

Military Base Rumours

ZURICH, May 5 (Reuter).—Political circles here assume that Germany is anxious to have permission to use Syria as a military base.

No authoritative information, however, is available in connection with Germany's proposals to Vichy which were handed by Herr Otto Abetz, the Nazi Ambassador to France, to Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Foreign Minister, during the week-end.

Darlan For Paris

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Swiss radio reports from Vichy that Admiral Darlan, who left this afternoon for Paris, is accompanied by two diplomatic advisers.

The announcer said that the diplomatic negotiations which Admiral Darlan will conduct in Paris are of far-reaching importance for the future of French-German relations.

Sun Yat-sen ANNIVERSARY

CHUNGKING, May 5 (Central News).—In commemoration of the 20th anniversay of the establishment of the Revolutionary Government and the assumption by the late Dr Sun Yat-sen of the post of Extraordinary President of the Chinese Republic, a mass meeting attended by over 800 persons including many high Government officials, was held this morning.

LATEST

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PRISONER — Fritz Thyssen, German industrialist who helped to bring Hitler to power, then fell into disfavour, reported to have been surrendered by France to Germany and is now in the Dachau prison camp.

Nightsoil Workers Demonstrate

In an interview yesterday, Mr E. B. Teesdale, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman of the Urban Council, made the following statement:

"The Chairman of the Urban Council, views with sympathy those former coolies who are now genuinely out of work, but he cannot stress too strongly the fact that the fault is entirely their own, or that of their advisers.

"Long before the departmental system came into force the Chairman made it known that the Sanitary Department was anxious to re-employ as many as possible of the former coolies. This was mentioned publicly in debate in the Council and was notified in letters to the Chairmen of the Luen Yip Guild. They were asked to pass the information on to members of the Guild.

"While recruiting was in progress and seeing that the old nightsoil coolies were not coming forward as expected, the Chief Inspector made a visit to the District where many of them lived in an effort to persuade them personally to register. Right up to the end the Department was willing to engage the former workers including women provided they passed the requisite medical examination.

"The excuse that the wages of Government nightsoil coolies were not sufficient cannot be the whole story. Three thousand applications were received. Of the 1,800 engaged, 20 per cent. were old nightsoil coolies. It has been asserted that the old coolies made three or four times the amount of money offered to a Government coolie. The number of houses, which would be necessary to make up this sum of money, could not possibly be cleared by one coolie every night and the nightsoil brought down to the Government conservancy junks as required by law.

"It was in order to ensure, among other things, nightly collection and proper disposal of nightsoil that Government collection was instituted. The amount of nightsoil collected in the past few nights has proved the inadequacy of the old system. This Department, however, is still prepared to absorb former nightsoil coolies into the Government system as soon as vacancies occur."

FLEET STREET'S OWN A. T. C.

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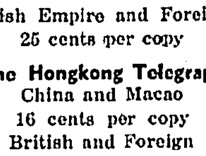

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An unusual fatality occurred when Thomas Norwood, lorry driver, and Bernard Wilshaw, both of Normanton, were changing the wheel on the lorry because of a puncture. They had almost got the near rim in position when it sprung off and hit Norwood in the face. His skull was fractured and he died instantly. Wilshaw received severe cuts in the face.

NOT SANDBAGS THIS TIME—These are not sandbags but bags of wheat being loaded at Horsham, Victoria, Australia, for shipment to feed the British Empire.

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12.45 Sea Shanties by John Goss and The Cathedral Male Quartet.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Light Orchestral Selections.

Dancing Down the Ages (introducing 33 Dances from early Grecian Days to Date, arranged—Finck).... Herman Finck and His Orchestra; Notte Sul Mare, Barcarolle (Valente)....Orchestra Napolitain; Yiddische Wedding Fantasia (arr. Michaeloff)....Alfredo and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Manhattan Serenade (Alter)....Salon Orchestra; Sleeping Beauty's Bridal Procession (Rhodo); In A Clock Store (Orth)....Otto Dobrindt and His Concert Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Humorous and Vocal Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 A Programme of Hill Billy Music.

Hill Billy Medley; Intro.: The Last Round up; Will the Angels play their Harps for me; Home on the Range; Wagon Wheels; Ole Faithful; Roll along, Covered Wagon .....Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus; It Ain't Nobody's Bizness What I Do (Browne and others); (a) Oh Susannah; (b) We'll Rest at the End of the Trail (Poulton and Rose)....The Rocky Mountaineers with Bunk House boys; The Prairie is my Home (from "Guns of the Pecos")... Dick Foran with Orchestra; (a) Underneath the Old Pine Tree; (b) The Trail of the Lonesome Pine....The Rocky Mountaineers with Bunk House Boys; Rollin' Plains (film "Rollin' Plains")....Big Bill Campbell and His Hill Billy Band; Riding the Range in the Sky (Harry Carlton); Twilight on the Trail (film "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine")....Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) and The Good Companions.

8.32 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Grace Moore (Soprano).

Masquerade (Loeb); I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood)....Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; The Whistling Boy; Our Song (both from film "When You're in Love).... Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra; Isn't it Romantic (Theme Song, "Love Me To-night"); Always in my Heart (Turk and Coats)....Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; Without Your Love (Operetta "The Dubarry")..Grace Moore (Soprano) and Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; Souvenir D'Ukraine (Ferraris)....Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a New World" No. 2: "God and Freedom."

Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.33 Excerpts from Mozart's—"The Magic Flute."

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Glazounow—"Stenka Razine."

Orchestra of the Brussels Royal Conservatoire conducted by Desire Defauw.

10.00 A Schumann Programme.

Carnaval—Ballet Music...London Ballet Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr; Romance No. 1, Op. 94.... Henri Temianka (Violin) with Piano; Toccata, Op. 7.....Simon Barer (Piano); Romance No. 2, Op. 94.... Henri Temianka (Violin) with Piano; The Almond Tree....Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano; Dream Visions, Op. 12, No. 7....Vladimir Horowitz (Piano); The Lotus Flower ....Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Symphony No. 1 in B Flat Major, Op. 38; 1st Mov.: Andante—Allegro molto vivace—Allegro; 2nd Mov.: Larghetto; 3rd Mov.: Scherzo Molto vivace; 4th Mov.: Allegro animato e grazioso — Allegro .... Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock.

11.00 Close Down.

Lend and Lease Bill Opposition Faked

Ernest Gibson, Chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, said recently that a check of a considerable portion of letters and post cards opposing the Lend and Lease Bill, which were received by members of Congress, revealed 90 per cent. bore forged or fictitious signatures.

The former United States Senator from Vermont added that members of Congress received messages opposing the bill in a ratio of 20 to 1 over favourable expressions.

"I have an idea that this is part of a deliberate scheme of fifth column propaganda directed by Nazi agents throughout this country," he stated in a talk to Kentucky committee leaders.

Mr. Gibson said the next objective of the committee was for "all-out" production of armanent for Great Britain and delivery through United States naval convoy if necessary.

U.S. Convoys

"The time may come when we will have to convoy shipments to Great Britain," he said. "The opposition will shout that such a course means war. Why should it? We shouldn't go to war if Hitler sinks one, two or ten American ships."

The former Vermont Senator said at present England is receiving between "two and three million dollars' worth of equipment a month from us but to put her on a par with production capacity with Germany and the conquered countries we must step that up to a billion dollars' worth a month."

POLICE RESERVE

Orders Issued For Current Week

Police Reserve orders by the Hon. Mr J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police:

Chinese Company

Strength.—Acting Lance Sergeant (R) 1304 Wong Shiu-pun has been transferred to "A" Company and re-numbered R2 as from April 28, 1941.

Promotion.—Acting Police Sergeant (R)11 Ts'o Chi-on has been promoted to the rank of Acting Sub-Inspector (R) as from April 29, 1941.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade on Wednesday, May 7, for a general inspection of equipment etc. by the Company Commander. A, B & C Companies will fall in at Murray Barracks Parade Ground at 17.15 hours sharp and D & E Companies will fall in at Central Police Station at 17.45 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform, Cap with Khaki Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle & Chain and Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part IV.—Those detailed will attend Reserve Headquarters for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Au Shiu-chuen on Tuesday, May 6, at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Indian Company

Strength.—Constables (R)208 S. Z. Alam, (R)240 Atta Mohamed and (R)259 Abdullah Khan have been permitted to resign from the Indian Company as from April 29, 1941.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade on Wednesday, May 7, for a general inspection of equipment, etc. by the Company Commander. A & B Companies will fall in at Murray Barracks Parade Ground at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform, Cap with Khaki Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle & Chain and Truncheon, "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part II.—Those detailed will attend Reserve Headquarters for Part II of Training Course under Police Sergeant (R)214 Channan Singh on Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9, at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad

Promotion.—Police Sergeant (R)371 K. D. Lee has been promoted to the rank of Acting Sub-Inspector (R) as from April 30, 1941.

Training Course—Part I.—Those detailed will attend Murray Barracks Parade Ground for Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, May 7, at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform, and Cap with Khaki Cover.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Promotion.—Lance Sergeant (R)452 O. R. Sadick has been promoted to the rank of Acting Police Sergeant (R) as from May 3, 1941.

Training Course—Part I.—All ranks of the "B" Company will parade at the Murray Barracks Parade Ground at 17.15 hours sharp on Wednesday, May 7, for Part I of Training Course under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sodsa. Dress—Khaki Uniform, and Cap with Khaki Cover.

Training Course—Part III.—All members of the "B" Company who have not qualified in Part III of Training Course will attend Reserve Headquarters on Friday, May 9, for instructions under Police Sergeant (R)444 W. E. Dorabjee at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER,
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Jews Want To Form Army

Jews want to organise a complete Jewish army with infantry, air force and mechanised and intelligence sections.

This was part of a five-point programme put forward to M.P.s at a House of Commons meeting recently by Mr A. Abrahams, head of the political department of the New Zionist Organisation.

Efforts are being made to form a Parliamentary group interested in Jewish problems, including peace aims, which are understood to embrace a plan for the mass transfer of European congestion for resettlement in Palestine.

GOVERNOR MOWED OWN LAWN

The Michigan Historical Commission has found the history of a chief executive so famous for his principles of economy that he mowed the lawn of the state capitol. He was Governor John S. Barry, a native of Amherst, Massachusetts, who served three terms from 1841 to 1845 and from 1850 to 1852.

Raising A Wind

About Whiffs, Puffs & Snuffs

Casually, but with the instinct of an oldtime newspaperman making a scoop, Lord Beaverbrook referred last week in his report on British aircraft production to a new British fighter: the Whirlwind (specifications still secret). And he stated: "All the fighters and all the bombers that we lost during the months the battle has raged over Britain have been paid for in full, completely and entirely, by public subscription."

That new name and that proud statement brought gusty joy to a hilarious new sodality lately warborn in, of all places, the Argentine. In Buenos Aires two months ago a group of young Britons and Anglo-Argentines, mostly junior executives in Ernst, Berg & Cia. (advertising agency), formed, half in fun and half in earnest, the Fellowship of the Bellows.

Aim: "to raise the wind" for purchasing Hurricane and other fighter planes for the R.A.F.

Method: each member contributes one Argentine centavo (4 H.K. cents) for each Axis plane downed during the month.

Thus, in October the Fellowship's 3,000 members each paid in 288 centavos or 2.88 pesos for the 288 enemy planes notched up by the R.A.F. that month. This totalled some $2,100 or just over £500. By the end of November the membership was increased and the tally was 293 enemy planes, the take better than £2,500. (A Hurricane or Spitfire costs about £5,000.) By the end of December the Buenos Aires boosters expected 20,000 members. Meantime their Fellowship of the Bellows has blown into Uruguay, Paraguay, and Chile. Lately, it has come to Hongkong.

Aside from willingness to contribute, prime requisite for F.O.B. membership is to be "a fellow being with a bellow feeling," to enjoy windy punning and complex ritual. Payment in Hongkong of $2 initiation fee makes the joiner a Whiff (all non-joiners are Snuffs, ritualistically defined as "infinitely worse than a cross-eyed toad with athlete's foot"). A Whiff becomes a Puff when he pays his first month's levy. A Puff becomes a Gust when, after his entry, 1,000 planes have been shot down and he has paid in for them one cent a piece. When 5,000 planes are down and $50 paid in, a Gust becomes a Hurricane. When 10,000 planes are down and $100 paid, the Order of the Bellows is bestowed. But no joiner may "blow himself to Puffdom and other exalted Ranks" by pre-payment of dues. All contributions are gladly accepted, but the contributor's promotion can proceed only at the pace set for him by the R.A.F. after he signs up.—*Contributed.*

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Tuesday, May 6

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Wednesday, May 14

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Ord. .....May 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. .....May 14, 5 p.m.
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A. N. S. Passes

Successful First Aid Candidates

The following candidates satisfied the examiners at the First Aid examinations held on April 22 and 23, and will receive the St John Ambulance Association certificate in due course:

Florence Allison, Lucy Anderson, Marjorie Allinson, Mary Baxter, Vivienne Blackburn (medallion), Dorothy Brazier, Kathrine Brameld, Janet Crawford, Margaret Clark, Florence Cartwright, Elsie Dunbar, Winifred Deane, Esme Edwards, Eulalia d'Eca, Olga Ferrier, Alice Gibson, Freda Geyer, Leah Hawkett, Louisa Holloway, Jessie Holland, Edith Johnston, Henrietta Jernakoff, Mary Kelley, Jean Kerslake, Haseena Khan, Jessie Knox, Helen Kennedy-Skipton, Irene Lopes, Clare Marsh, Emily Manson (medallion), Lorraine Money, Frances Ogilvie, Karen Pagh, Dorothy Pepperell, Helen Prophet, Dorothy Piercy (medallion), Consuelo dos Remedios, Edith Rawlings, Bertha Remedios, Jean Robinson, Florence Robinson, Hilda Selwyn-Clarke, Edna Stenersen, Pearl Sung, Mabel Sully, Mona Turnbull, Ethel Wyllie, Ethel Wilmer, Hannah Wittenbach.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday:

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Indo-Chinas (Pref) $80
Providents $4.00

Sellers
Trams $16
Ropes $6.60

Sales
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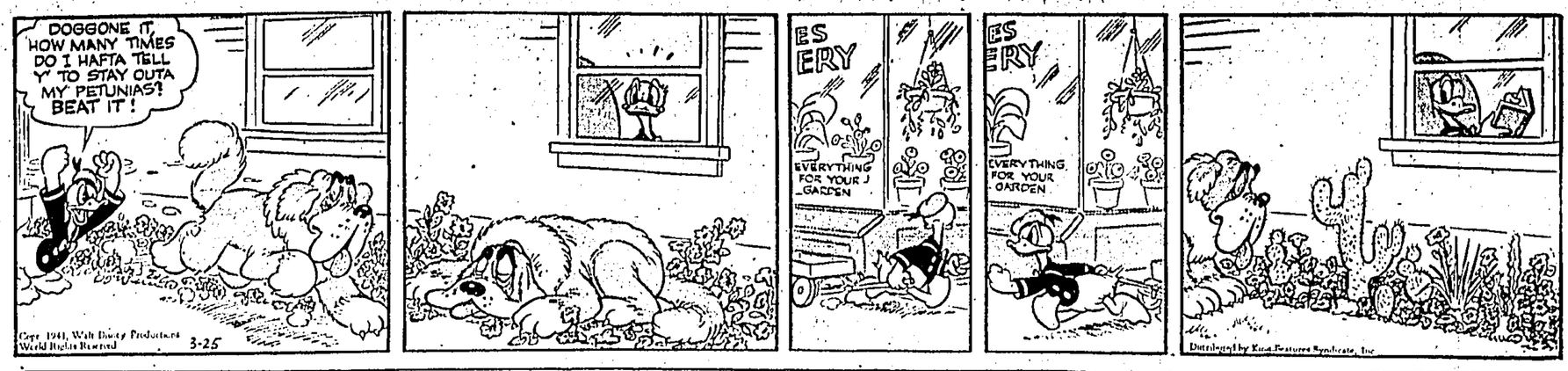
Hotels $2.80
Marsmans Inv. H.K. $1.70

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

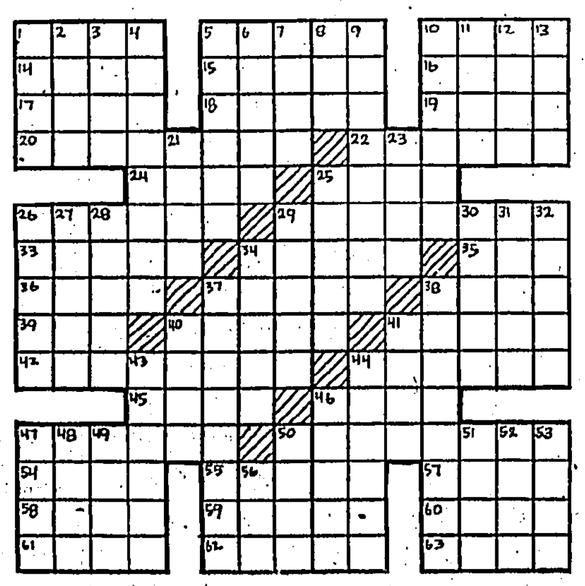
ACROSS

1—Speak sarcastically
5—My lady
10—Part with unintentionally
14—Biblical name
15—By oneself
16—Boring tools
17—Separate
18—Mob disturbances
19—Low in grade
20—One who carves on surface
22—Heavy hammer
24—Expression of hearty assent
25—Town in North France
26—Pertaining to backbone
29—Makers of wills
32—Painful pressure
34—Mature
35—Retarding (musical abbr.)
36—Poker bet
37—Rants
38—Restaurant
39—Female deer
40—Cut
41—Give name to
42—Makes wealthy
44—Thin layer of covering wood
45—Former capital of Normandy
46—Leguminous plant
47—Photographer's instrument
50—Perceives through senses
54—Alumni (abbr.)
55—Graded
57—5,280 feet
58—Roll of names
59—Remove hair from
60—Wide-mouthed pot
61—Specially shaped hammer-head
62—Anxious
63—Tidy

DOWN

1—Open mouth wide
2—Russian name
3—Large floating ice cake
4—Door
5—Wonderful thing
6—Foreign
7—Entrance
8—Emmet
9—Communications
10—Express sorrow for
11—Was under obligation to
12—Volcanic scoria
13—Saxon serf
21—Indian wet-nurse
23—Permission to use
25—Sufferer from dread disease
26—Kind of shovel
27—Edible pine-seed
28—Put in prison
29—Continues in existence
30—Make oration
31—Form of gun
33—Young ox
34—Crow
37—Practice performance
38—Kind of spice
40—Mark left by wound
41—Afternoon gatherings
43—Deliverer of ice
44—Seller
46—Cow fattened for slaughter
47—Kind of fish
48—Plant of lily family
49—Dumb
50—Male deer
51—Roofing material
52—Girl's name
53—Bench
56—Exclamation

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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The Epic of the "51st" In the Battle of France

By G. E. Ley Smith

In this stirring instalment of the Gordons' adventures in the Battle of France details of the fearless hand-to-hand fighting that characterised the Battle of the Grand Bois de Cambron on the morning of June 4, 1940, are told for the first time. It was not a hollow triumph. It proved that, man for man, our lads could out-soldier the enemy.

3. Germans Routed at Bayonet Point

Dark shadows were seen creeping back from the fringes of the Grand Bois de Cambron. They were the patrols coming back from their reconnaissance of the German positions. Nazi machine-gun posts guarded the outskirts of the wood.

It was nearly three o'clock on the morning of June 4, 1940. A ground mist was lifting and dawn stretching over the fields. From a dark silhouette the wood was beginning to shape in the growing light.

Among the corn and behind the hedgerows the Gordon Highlanders lay waiting for their first big-scale attack.

Their defence of the Maginot Line had accustomed them to shellfire. Now they were to dash into the teeth of a murderous fusillade of bullets. What lay in store for them? They wished each other "Good luck," gripped rifles, and waited.

Suddenly, the artillery barrage opened. Shells whistled overhead and crashed into the middle of the wood. In the words of one officer, the wood just leapt. Trees rose in the air. It was terrific. For a quarter of an hour shells exploded continuously in the German positions.

As suddenly as it had started, the barrage, ceased. Even with the rattle of machine guns a hush seemed to settle down over the countryside after the deafening roar of the guns and the exploding shells.

Company and platoon commanders in the corn and under the hedges glanced at their watches—3.30, zero hour. The attack began. "C" Company advanced under the cover of shrubs as far as the wood, but "B" Company had to race across about fifty yards of open country.

Instantly, German machine guns started to rake the columns coming towards them. In the first moment in face of such fierce fire, the Gordons perceptibly braced themselves and charged.

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As "B" Company emerged from the cover of the hedgerows an unexpected enfilading fire came from machine guns in the clump of trees on the left of the wood which was believed to be clear of the enemy.

Major Douglas Gordon, who was leading his company across the open ground, stumbled and fell, mortally wounded.

Quickly realising the danger to "B" Company, Lt Rhodes immediately led his fighting patrol out from Cahou. Crossing the roadway, they soon surrounded the clump of trees and silenced the machine guns.

Charging with fixed bayonets, "C" Company carried the machine-gun posts on the outskirts of the wood. Now "B" Company surged forward and swept irresistibly in amongst the trees.

Through the wood the platoons had to fight their way yard by yard. It was like driving through a jungle, so thick was the undergrowth and so dark was it among the trees. They were also fighting with bayonets against Tommy guns.

German storm-troopers, picked men of the Nazi army, lay concealed in the shrubs, firing up at the Gordons as they approached. For this reason most of the casualties suffered from leg wounds.

All the paths had been marked by the Germans with white paper, but each track was covered by machine-gunners or infantrymen at a dozen places. Undismayed by the formidable nature of their task, the Gordons advanced steadily. Now and again a platoon would be held up by Tommy guns among the bushes. Warily they crept forward until close enough to drive out each post at the point of the bayonet.

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Where the Germans were too strongly dug in for the bayonet to dislodge them, a Bren was brought up and a hail of bullets poured into the position.

All the time the Gordons advanced through the wood, machine-gunners from the Kensingtons maintained a continuous cross-fire. Now and then the Gordons sent up white flares to reveal their position to the gunners.

In the densest parts it was impossible even to walk erect. It was necessary at times to crawl.

Emerging from a thick stretch of the wood, No. 13 Platoon came suddenly upon a small clearing. On the other side lay a squad of Germans, each armed with a Tommy gun. Without even the briefest hesitation the platoon charged across the gap against a murderous fusillade of bullets.

Six of them were hit almost as soon as they started to run, including Sergt Gerrie, but the remainder with tremendous courage dashed ahead and bayoneted every one of the Germans.

About eight o'clock, after four-and-a-half hours of fierce fighting, "C" Company reached the far end of the wood. Some time later "B" Company came up alongside. They had had the longer sweep through the wood to make. In the wake of the two companies lay a large number of German dead.

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From the wood beyond came intense machine-gun and trench mortar fire, causing a number of casualties among the Gordons.

Some of the Germans who had eluded the attackers among the bushes sniped at them from the rear. They were quickly tracked down. Some of them, realising the hopelessness of their positions, crept out and surrendered.

Three of them who gave themselves up played a mad trick upon their captors. It lent colour to the suggestion by one of the officers that many of the Germans were drugged.

When a section of Gordons took charge of them, one of the Germans slipped his water bottle from his equipment and let it drop. As it fell, the Germans dived to the ground. The water bottle was filled with explosive, and when it went off two of the Gordon Highlanders were killed.

The N.C.O. in charge immediately shot all three Germans. It was a stupid trick on the part of the Nazis, for it really meant that they were committing suicide.

Gradually all the platoon got into position on the far side of the wood. A German machine-gun was holding up the advance of the Black Watch. 2nd Lieut. Thom's platoon soon put the gun out of action.

Three Germans came out of the wood beyond with their hands above their heads and came straight over to the part of the wood held by Mr Thom's platoon. It was a miracle that they got across the open space without being hit.

They were made prisoner. When they were being marched away, however, a trench mortar shell exploded near them, Mr Thom was hit and his servant was killed. Four other men were wounded, including one of the Germans. The wounds were not serious.

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Before the attack it was believed that the Gordons would have to pay a heavy price to take the wood. But they outmanoeuvred the Germans so cleverly that their casualties were far fewer than was expected.

Elsewhere along the front the attack had failed. The French tanks and infantry were held up in the centre, and a withdrawal was ordered.

The Colonel made a tour of the new positions and gave a word of congratulation to the men. Some hours later, however, he had to order them to retire from the wood they had so gallantly won. So at six o'clock in the evening, to their disappointment, they started back along the paths over which they had fought in the morning, machine-gunners from the Kensingtons taking over the defence of the wood until the Gordons got clear.

They went back to the neighbourhood of the village of Manering, where they stayed during the night. "A" Company had withdrawn to the left of the line, with "B" and "D" on their right. "C" was in reserve in the village.

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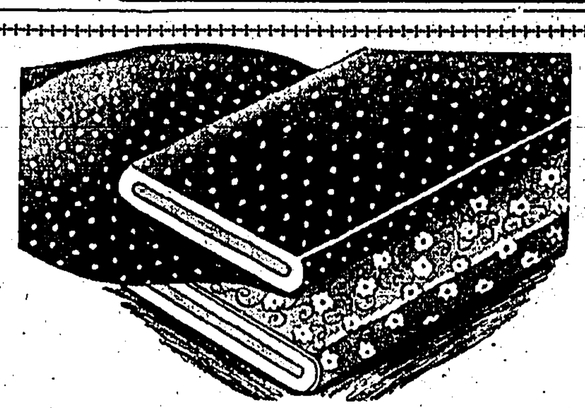

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RICE MONOPOLY

THE joint decision of the Hongkong Government and the Shanghai Municipal Council to achieve a monopoly of rice imports and exports in their respective ports is drastic, but will be generally applauded. Wholesale merchants have been given plenty of opportunity of conforming to regulations and thereby retaining their business; but because of their greed and unscrupulous behaviour some have forfeited the confidence of both Government and public alike.

The suppression of legitimate private enterprise has never been the policy of the Colony's authorities; if anything the tendency has been to pander to these interests without inquiring too closely into the manner in which the public either benefits or suffers. In the case of the wholesale rice dealers, however, it is clear that the time has come when strong-arm action is necessary. All sections of the community are being victimised, although the under-privileged Chinese classes are made to suffer the keenest because rice is their staple food. This paper wholeheartedly supports Government's corrective action, at the same time insisting that vigorous measures must, if necessary, be applied to ensure that the desired results of the monopolistic scheme are achieved.

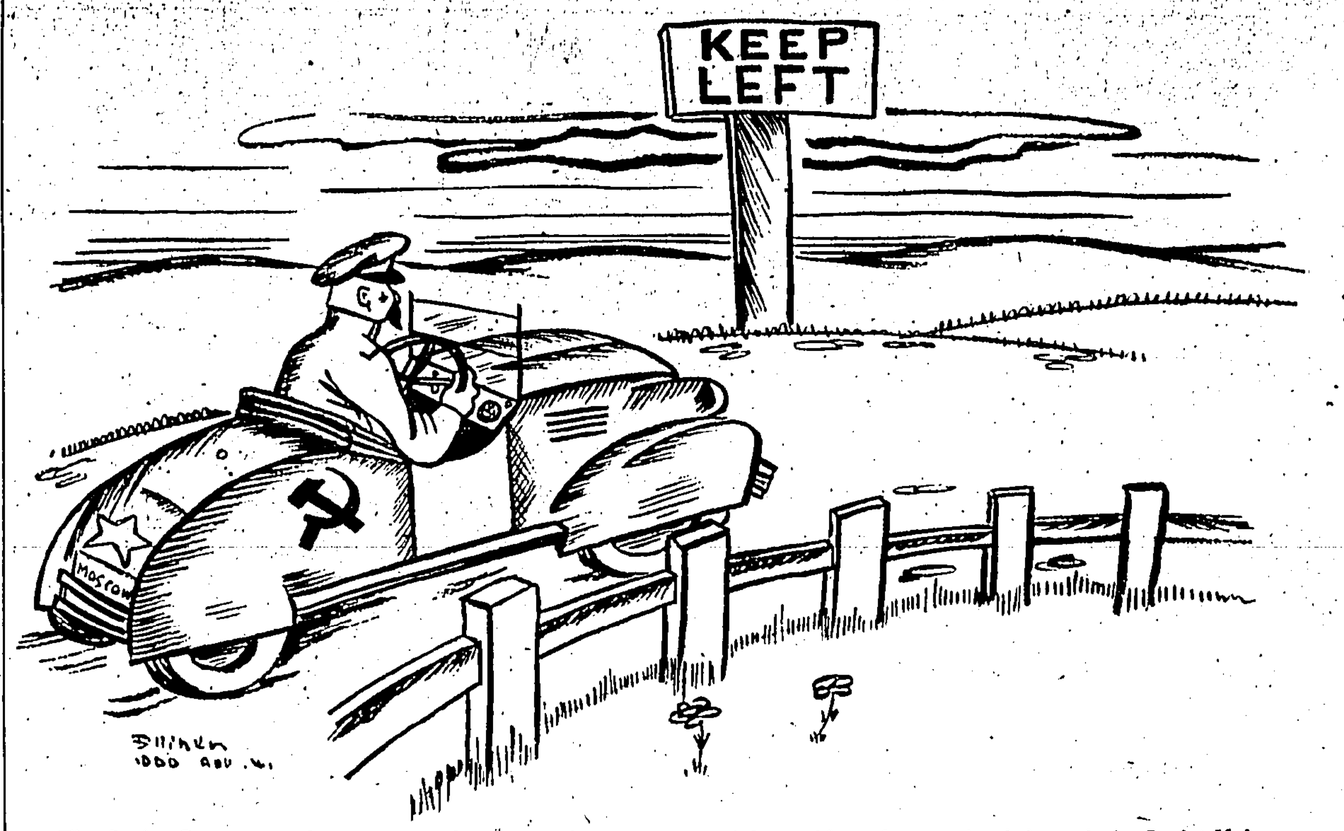
Latest official statements indicate that Government will sell to retailers at the lowest prices possible, thus helping to bring the different grades of rice within the purses of all. This is not the whole of the problem. Allegations have been frequently made of late that dealers are mixing the grades, attempting to sell the lower grades when the best type of rice has been requested, and generally speaking to exact the utmost profit from purchasers who find themselves helpless to obtain redress or satisfaction.

If this sort of thing continues after the inception of the official monopoly scheme, the next step must be to set up Government distributing centres where customers can be sure that they are not being exploited. Retail rice merchants would be well advised to heed the warning contained in the Government's action against the wholesalers; they may rest assured that they will be permitted a fair profit under the official monopoly, but any abuse of their privileges must be expected to reap a just reward—the forfeiture of their businesses.

The public on their part have something to contribute to the successful functioning of the new scheme. They are asked to accommodate themselves to the softer and less popular Burma rice; this is necessary because of a fairly acute shortage of rice from Thailand and Indo-China and of the uncertainty of being able to secure regular rice supplies from other sources. The Chinese will not welcome this, for there has long been an antipathy towards the Burma product, but exceptional circumstances govern the rice situation, and unless there is a willingness to be adaptable, the time may come when the public will be confronted with the alternative of consuming the Burma rice or starve.

ADVICE TO MOTORISTS

By BILLIKEN



The Soviet Government has announced that transit of war materials would not be permitted through the Soviet Union.

NORAH WHITESTONE,

1940 Hongkong Evacuee, writes from Australia on

Broken Friendships, Rotten Housing, Empty Hours

NOW THAT UNRELIABLE FIRST IMPRESSIONS have given place to less hasty and more measured judgment; now that the initial exhilarating thrills have merged into the rhythm of the work-a-day world—how are our evacuees in their sixth or seventh month of exile coping with the situation?

And "exile" is still, I fear, with almost universal assent, the well-chosen word.

Though the sustaining hope that to-morrow, next week, next month, would bring at least some hint, some eagerly clutched and nourished rumour of speedy return to home and kindred has perforce given place to a sighing, reluctant resignation, any definite signs of our merging painlessly into the life of our temporary domicile are difficult of perception.

The prevalent "matyness" of the Australians has, obviously, not infected us. More than one friendship of long standing has crashed; others exist only at the peril of the next sharp word, the next slight misunderstanding. Mrs S.... will now pass her close companion in Hongkong, Miss T...., on George Street with a brief refrigerating nod, or, if feeling unusually amiable, she may stop and utter a few equivocal remarks—merely hastening the disruption of diplomatic relations.

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But I, personally, have met with a vast amount of unselfish kindliness and interest, both on the part of established Hongkong friends and from those hitherto unknown to me. And, generally speaking, when sickness, sorrow or other affliction rears its ugly head amongst us, the community rallies with enthusiastic selflessness. We are, really, perhaps not so feline as my opening paragraph might suggest.

Widely scattered are we in the seemingly interminable and not too inspiriting suburbs. No club or community binds us together. The idea of a monthly tea party for Hongkongites in Sydney succumbed, apparently of inanition. Transit is expensive and usually a dreary experience (always excepting the lovely ferry trips of Sydney), the suburbs a sprawling, difficult-to-get-at expanse, and meetings therefore difficult.

An undeniable cause of our devastating ennui is the lack of occupation. Some of the younger members have engaged in office work, and one Gap Roader is radiating happiness as the valued assistant to the premiere costumiere, but, taking things by and large, our hosts do not appear too eager to include us in their payrolls. And no breathless anxiety is evident of any fervent wish to rope us in for voluntary war work. It is not suggested, however, that we evacuees would not be as welcome as the native-born product. But never have I encountered such a congregation of the female sex, and they for the most part elderly, and often infirm.

A suggestion was hazarded by some committee or other that we should engage in domestic work (I can imagine the sly, quiet smiles of Amah and Cookie) but, even assuming the will upon our part, domestic conditions in this country are so unfamiliar as to render our value in this sphere problematical. One enterprising would-be pioneer was asked if she could milk!

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THE COMFORT AND SUITABILITY OF ACCOMMODATION varies from near zenith to nadir. Most fortunate are those who have secured small houses or flats. Some of the former are charming, modern both in construction and appointments, with smooth lawns and peaches, plums and lemons in the well-kept gardens. These favoured of fortune have the inestimable privilege of being obliged to work—not just doing something when they feel like it. But rank and file must sustain life unenthusiastically in "guest" houses or in mongrel habitations termed "Residentials," where accommodation usually consists of a ghastly arrangement of a bedroom with gas-ring and cooking utensils lurking with false modesty behind a screen. The furnishings and appointments of these habitations are usually incredibly ancient, soiled and dispiriting.

A novel feature—at least to me—is the laundry, which is attached almost universally to the kitchen premises, to which each female inhabitant repairs for the washing, not merely of the silken hose which they have always done themselves, but of all personal garments. We are learning quite a lot, and may be able to give Amah points in the near distant (it is trusted) future.

Since landing in Melbourne in August, 1940, I have lived in not less than seven abodes (including two hospitals) and of that number only one could be said to be by any means a tolerable substitute for home. This shining exception is presided over by Jews.

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THOUGH GEOGRAPHICALLY LOVELY, Sydney seems somewhat too "tough" for some tastes. The attitude seems to be that each and every individual is an incipient criminal or, at the best—or worst, a potential breaker of the laws, merely awaiting a convenient opportunity for the exercise of innate nefarious proclivities. And so, this fresh and sparkling March morning, I write under the willows and gums of lovely Old Cremorne, upon an ancient stone table thoughtfully placed by the City Fathers to gain a poignantly beautiful view of the glittering bay beneath. And to-night, I renounce the glories of nature and flee the discomforts of the "guest" house for the dismal plains, the inky seas and blasting winds of Melbourne—but also, I know, to the kindly welcome of the sympathetic and understanding Jews. Perhaps long centuries of oppression have instilled into their blood tolerance, friendliness and comprehension of the feelings of roaming exiles of other nations.

A surprising feature of all terrains is the comparative absence of bird life, even in well-wooded districts, and of song birds there is practically no sign. Never a hint of the exhilarating dawn chorus which, to many of us, is one of the most cherished memories of our home-land! Possibly Australians, like Italians—pardon the comparison!—believe that a mellifluous voice is usually accompanied by peculiarly edible qualities, and that the proper sphere of lark and thrush is under the pie-crust! Their favourite is a gloomy-feathered little chap called the Kookaburra (Laughing Jackass, I believe) whose insane, rollicking cackle recalls past memory of Hanwell Lunatic Asylum. My role was that of visitor, by the way!

Hopes Are Rising In France

Reports derived from Paris directly indicate that, though the material position in Occupied France is steadily deteriorating, the spirit of the people has become much more hopeful.

Resistance to the idea of collaboration with Germany is now complete except for a mere handful of traitors utilised by the Germans.

This attitude has developed despite the fact that the German-controlled Press and radio are extremely active in Paris. Two lines of propaganda are being especially followed.

One is that the new Rassemblement National Populaire will eventually become the Government of France, presumably with M. Laval at its head. The other is that French prisoners in German hands will be released as soon as "real collaboration" is established.

"Everybody Indifferent"

A person who was in Paris very recently said that the question whether France was to be regarded as a Republic or a "State" left everybody indifferent. Asked whether there was much feeling against Jews and Freemasons, he said the two were somewhat confused in the public mind.

There existed a fairly strong prejudice against Jewish influence without, however, support being given to harsh legislation. The Nazi doctrine of "racial purity" was rejected entirely.

Vichy On Fuehrer's Speech

Importance Of Time

VICHY, May 5 (Reuter).—By dint of dating its observations on Hitler's speech from Berne, the Vichy news agency contrives to comment comparatively freely upon it.

The agency quotes the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Bund," as attributing great importance to Hitler's exhortation to the German people to increase the national effort in war production.

The correspondent continues: "Hitler is doubtless aware that American aid constitutes an important element in the British resistance. Consequently he considers that an increase in armaments production is indispensable. There is reason to believe that compulsory national labour service in the Reich will shortly be applied to all women and girls not employed in agriculture and war industries.

Extreme Efforts

"Germany wants to push her efforts to the extreme to prevent the time factor coming into play. Hitler thinks, perhaps not without reason, that a final increase in the national labour effort is still possible."

The correspondent, states the Vichy agency, concludes by remarking that the speech gave it to be understood that Hitler considers the task of wiping out Britain, notwithstanding American aid, as a very risky undertaking but that now he has to go through with it to the end.

Disappointed Germans

ZURICH, May 5 (Reuter).—First comments on Hitler's speech to appear in the Swiss press to-day stress the fact that he disappointed his audience through his inability to repeat the promise that the war would be finished this year.

Swedish Reaction

STOCKHOLM, May 5 (Reuter).—Hitler's omission of any reference to Germany's relations with the United States in Sunday's speech, says the newspaper "Aftonbladet," probably means that the atmosphere is too changed to allow utterance regarding German plans. A declaration by Hitler regarding the consequences of the Roosevelt policy had been expected, but "Berlin obviously prefers to continue to await the result of the internal trial of strength in the United States."

LETTERS

Night Soil Coolies' Demonstration

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—While sympathising with the night soil coolies who have found themselves thrown out of employment as a result of Government taking over the removal of night soil, it is nevertheless felt that the mass demonstration outside Government House yesterday morning was entirely uncalled for and deserving of the strongest condemnation, particularly at a time like the present, when nothing should be done which is likely to cause Government any embarrassment.

The Police Authorities are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which they handled the situation, and it speaks well for them that they were able to persuade the demonstrators to disperse before any untoward incident occurred.

It is considered that the Honourable Chinese Representatives are not altogether blameless in the matter of the mass demonstrations which have been held by night soil coolies during the past few days. If it is true that the Honourable Chinese Representatives knew all along that there would be trouble as a result of Government taking over the removal of night soil, I believe that it is pertinent for one to ask what action the Honourable Chinese Representatives took to prevent such trouble actually occurring. If no action was taken, why not? Furthermore, as it was known on Saturday that the night soil coolies intended marching to Government House on Monday, what action did the Honourable Chinese Representatives take over the week-end to persuade the night soil coolies to abandon their plan while they, the Honourable Chinese Representatives, considered what steps should be taken in the matter? If no action was taken, why not? A full explanation by the Honourable Chinese Representatives is desirable.

Y. K. CHAN.

REGISTRATION—Mapping plans in Washington for national registration of workers are William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman of the Office of Production Management, and Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator. Every unemployed worker available for work or training in defence jobs has been urged to register.

Soviet Admit Failings In Five-Year Plan

Shortcomings in the working of Soviet industry and transport were acknowledged by M. Malenkoff, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R., at the 18th All-Union Party Conference. While pointing out that the Communist party had created an independent national industry so as not to be dependent on capitalist economy, he admitted that "big errors" had been committed.

M. Stalin, who is the general secretary of the party; M. Molotoff, the Soviet Prime Minister, and Marshal Voroshiloff, a vice-chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, were among those elected to the presidium by acclamation.

M. Malenkoff, who, as secretary, is in charge of the party "cadres" section, at the outset of his speech said that he was going to speak chiefly of the faults of national industry, but "this does not mean that we have had no successes."

Vast capital had been invested in the past two years and the party had created an independent industry in the U.S.S.R., closing all cracks by which capitalism might slip in.

Less Than 1939

Some commissariats had produced not only less than the plan in 1940 but less than 1939. Electrical industry had had too many breakdowns; railways and shipping, both sea and river, had not fulfilled goods transport plans for oil, coal, breadstuffs, &c.; passenger trains had been overdue.

The causes, he went on, were bureaucratism in the commissariats, which did not exercise effective control, not visiting factories to see whether orders were really carried out and taking the reports of managers on trust.

Among the remedies M. Malenkoff mentioned were the proper check-up and use of all equipment and raw material. More care must be taken of national property like machinery. There had to be greater cleanliness, because dirt meant defective machinery and reduced output.

Capt. Roosevelt In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, May 5 (Reuter).—Captain James Roosevelt, eldest son of the American President, arrived here this afternoon.

He told "Reuter" that the "morale of the Chinese is excellent. They are determined to carry on to victory."

During his four-day stay in Chungking, he met the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

Stopping at Cairo

Captain Roosevelt stated that when he reaches Cairo, he and Major Thomas will receive instructions from Washington concerning their future programme.

Captain Roosevelt stated that China throughout had been receiving American supplies which would be increased in the near future.

Yugo-Slav Ships Held

Latest U. S. Action

NEW YORK, May 5 (Reuter).—United States Coast Guard authorities announced to-day that Coast Guardsmen have boarded Yugo-Slav ships as a precautionary measure at Brooklyn, New York, but declared that the ships had not been "seized."

This announcement followed a report in the New York "Journal-American" that the Yugo-Slav ships, Sereca, Nepi and President Kpajpic have been taken over.

Coast Guardsmen said: "When the Coast Guard receives certain rumours, we take certain action."

The "Journal-American" reported that the President Kpajpic had attempted to flee but was captured off Staten Island at the entrance of New York harbour.

Allegiance Test

Coast Guard Headquarters stated that it understood the reason for the move was to determine whether the officers and crews of the vessels were loyal to King Peter or to the new government established in Yugo-Slavia.

Inspection of the ships is believed to have established that they are loyal to King Peter and Britain and no further action is being taken although a close watch will be kept on the ships.

There are 17 Yugo-Slav ships in United States ports at present.

Aussies Again Target Of Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—Twice to-day the Berlin radio broadcast a story that Australian troops at Singapore have refused to go to Egypt.

The authority given for the statement is Admiral Luetzow addressing the Court of Naval Strategy.

Australian authorities in London dismiss the statement as fantastic, fortified by the knowledge that the Australians at Singapore are trying to get to Egypt to have a "go" at the enemy.

CANADIANS IN WAR DEBATE

Judicious Spending

OTTAWA, May 5 (Reuter).—Expressing confidence in the people to face the sacrifices imposed by the new taxes, the Opposition Leader of the Canadian House of Commons, Mr R. B. Hanson, opened by the Budget Debate, and warned the Government that there was widespread dissatisfaction over the manner in which the money was being spent.

Peacetime expenditure must be cut to the bone, he said, He was equally confident that the Canadians demand was for the same high and inspiring leadership which Mr Churchill was giving Britain and which President Roosevelt was giving the United States, lighting the way and guiding the people along the path to ultimate victory.

Wallop To Enemy

TORONTO, May 5 (Reuter).—The fight for freedom will be won "because Canada as well as Britain and all those associated with her will stop at nothing that can effectively be done to ensure the overthrow of Nazism" declared the Minister of Defence, Colonel Ralston in a speech here to-day.

He believed that the events of the past week—steps by the United States for increased aid to Britain—had given the enemy a "mighty wallop."

Reviewing the growth of Canada's armed forces, Col Ralston said that the Navy had now 180 ships compared with 15 before the war, while the Canadian Royal Air Force had grown in strength to 50,000 men.

Diplomatic Refugees

MADRID, May 5 (Reuter).—Altogether 167 Yugo-Slav diplomats and Consular Staff, formerly in Italy, have arrived at the port of Bou on the Franco-Spanish frontier in a special train which will continue to Madrid this evening.

It is understood that they will remain in Madrid a few days and will then proceed to Lisbon with the intention of going to the United States.

Governor Of Burma In Hongkong

Commander the Hon. Sir Archibald Cochrane, Governor of Burma, and the Hon. Lady Cochrane, have arrived in the Colony from Rangoon. They are staying at Government House as guests of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote.

RECORD S'HAI DIVIDEN OF $1,441.60 FOR $5

SHANGHAI, May 5 (UP).—Rushing into the lead on the bend and leading throughout along the straight, T. Y. Woo booted Mr C. Mao's Merry Sportsman to victory in the Sub Griffins' Derby at the second day of the Shanghai Race Club's spring meeting to-day to reward punters with $1,441.60 for a $5 ticket.

Dunhuang, with A. V. Striker up, was second a length and a half away with Great Victory, (Y. S. Chang) a neck behind third. The time was 2.17.

Only 29 win tickets were taken out on Merry Sportsman, the owner having 10. Place dividends were $102.80, $10.40, $20.40.

The dividend is a record for the Sub Griffins' Derby and the biggest this

Japanese Economic Control

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 5 (Domei).—Reinforcement of Government responsibility for the price control policy and closer co-operation of civilian experts will form the keynote of the proposed reform of the Price Control Commission.

According to the reform plan which will be formally decided upon by the Cabinet Council on Friday, the Commission will be headed by the Premier, Prince Konoye, as the Chairman, while Mr Masatsune Ogura, Minister without Portfolio, and Lieut-General Teiichi Suzuki, Governor of the Planning Board, will become Vice-Chairmen.

Government will undertake formulation of the policy for controlling commodity prices and in determining the policy all important factors in resources, mobilisation and wartime economy such as materials, funds, labour and transport, will be taken into consideration.

In order to forestall dogmatic errors by the Government, the knowledge, wisdom and experiences of civilian experts will be used.

Buying Up Cereal Crops

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 5 (Domei).—Tightening State control of cereals, the Government has decided to buy up all wheat, barley, oats and rye from farmers.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry will shortly promulgate revised regulations concerning the control of these cereals. The Ministry enforced the regulations for the control of distribution of cereals in June, last year, while the regulations for the controls of distribution of wheat were enforced in July, last year.

Control of barley, ryes and oats has hitherto been carried out through the Industrial Union. The projected control scheme, however, is designed to exercise a unified and more effective control of all these cereals through the Government agency so as to insure the supply of food resources in the time of war.

Hollanders Keep Up War Spirit

BATAVIA, May 5 (Reuter).—With the objective of Prince Bernhard's Amalgamated Dutch East Indies' Spitfire Fund in sight, ensuring the purchase of a "Rotterdam Bomber Squadron" to avenge the city's destruction, efforts are now being made to raise money to purchase a number of motor torpedo boats for the Royal Dutch Navy to assist the struggle at sea.

Visiting Australasia

BATAVIA, May 5 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr E. N. van Kleffens, and Dr I. J. M. Welter, Minister for the Colonies, have arranged to visit Australia on May 12.

They will then go to New Zealand, from where they will proceed to San Francisco by air.

Disillusionment For Croats

SOMEWHERE IN MIDDLE-EAST, May 5 (Reuter).—Information reaching authoritative Yugo-Slav circles here declares that considerable dissatisfaction is rife among Croat supporters of Hitler's "New Order" in view of the action of Italy and Hungary in seizing large slices of Croatia although the whole territory had been promised as an independent republic.

London Bureau

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Royal Yugo-Slav Government have formed a joint Press Bureau with Serb, Croat and Slovene personnel as part of the organisation creating conformity in the determination to wage a united struggle against the Axis.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR POLES

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—A message expressing confidence in the final triumph of the democracies has been sent by President Roosevelt to the President of Poland, M. Raczkiewicz, on the occasion of Polish National Day and the 150th anniversary of the Polish Constitution.

President Roosevelt assured Poland of "our unfailing friendship and understanding and our confidence in the final triumph of the forces of the democracies."

STOCK EXCHANGE

Business Is Dull

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quietly firm.

Gilt-edged, home rails and a few leading industrials maintained early small advances but business failed to develop apart from some professional support for home rails.

Oils were dull, Kaffirs were irregular and foreign bonds were inclined to be easy.

Wall Street was quietly steady.

Food For France From United States

VICHY, May 5 (Reuter).—Two French freighters, Ile de Re and Leopold, laden with 14,000 tons of American flour, have arrived at Marseilles from the United States, says the Vichy news agency.

The gift will enable free rations to be distributed on three Sundays with the active help of the general delegate from the Red Cross in Europe, Mr Allen, the agency adds.

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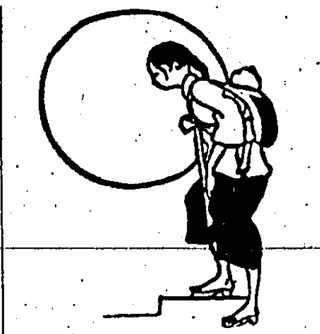

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Warned Against Good Women

Australian Air Force trainees are warned against the influence "not of bad women, but of good women with whom you might fall in love."

A circular gives the name of a trainee who has been discharged from the R.A.A.F. on an instructor's report that he was "afraid to fly for sentimental reasons."

It was stated that the trainee had been influenced by his sweetheart.

Only a tiny minority of trainees have caused the Air Board concern.

One applicant was cautioned about his position as married man, and he was admitted when he said his wife was more enthusiastic about flying than he was.

But after £300 had been spent on training him he became disinterested, and eventually admitted that his wife had never

Forum's Final Softball Victory Of 1940/41

Rookie College Girls Team Register First Win

Sappers' Season Opens Well

(By "Ball Fan")

Sweeping along on high, in unison with the well-known jinx, the Maple Leaf Canadian Chinese kept closely in line with the "downward dive", as they lost a heart-breaking ball game, 3-2, to A. R. Kitchell's pep-playing English Forumers.

The Truelight Girls' School's new born softball team came through with their initial win over the weekend, soaring through on an 11-2 triumph over Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa Maroonettes in a featured melee at the Stubbs Road ball stadium.

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GASHOUSE Oliver's Royal Canadian baseballers took another nose-dive in their spring training confabs, as they dished up some real screwy ball in a pinch-scoring game against the Royal Engineers at the Caroline Hill sand park.

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THE English public restortists snatched the winning tally in the final stanza of this "classic with tradition" when hurler Bill Kwan, running for pinch-hitter S. S. Chung who had singled to centre, raced home with the winning labelled run on a passed ball.

For five forlorn innings the Canadian Chinese held a two run lead with a solitary marker in the 3rd frame on a torrid double by sacker Youngie Lee, which swept G. G. Lee across the platter, and a 5th stanza "last hope" tally on successive bingles by Bill Ing, G. G. Lee and Ross Mark.

The winner's two gifted runs in the 6th frame, which sent A. R. Kitchell and Cecil Winglee whizzing acrossing the rubber pan with the tying tallies, started the listless Canucks on their journey "down behind the eight ball way." The highly favoured Maple Leafs played "kibitzing" ball throughout the entire seven innings and were taken for a heap long ride by an inspired Forum nine.

Winning hurler Bill Kwan threw a steady game to hold the North Americans to four scattered blows, and was backed by a highly consistent infield and sure fingered outfielders.

Youngie Lee's double to centre in the 3rd canto was the only extra base clout of the fray which featured two weak willowed ball teams in real feeble hitting form.

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THE rookie Truelighters from Pak Ho Tung bunched nine solid blows to flash in on a "debut" win over the Chinese Maroons, with eleven tallies crossing the old platter. Led by the prodigious clouting of hindsnatcher Margery Woo and Lai Bik-wong, who both smashed out crushing home runs, the youthful scholars took the lead with single tallies in the 2nd and 3rd stanzas, adding three more markers in the next frame on successive singles by Ellen Ling, Tam Sau-chik and outfielder Ho Yit-lin.

The Chung Hwa lassies broke into the scoring in their half of the 4th with a circuit clout to deep left by newcomer Y. Poon whose starry display at the hot corner with six assists marked her as a real Maroon threat for next season's campaign.

Crossing the platter with another winner in the 5th, the fighting school girls climaxed a successful afternoon with a five run scoring outburst in the final canto as shortstop Rosie Lau opened up with a single to left, advancing to second on keystoner Jenny Wong's perfect bunt down the third base line. Slugger Margery Woo brought in her two mates with a clean double to right, stole third and came home on a passed ball. The scoring spree ended after Ellen Ling and Lai Bik-wong scampered across the platter with two more runs.

Chung Hwa Maroons fielded four new players in first sacker Y. S. Nye, third base star Y. Poon, and outfielders Sylvia Tsang and Becky Chan; each showed snappy ball playing ability, and softball fans should find a real powerful Chinese Maroon team out there next season which will be right up there by the top with the contending outfits.

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GAS Oliver's Royal Canadian baseballers took a 5-3 shellacking from the Royal Engineers for their third straight spring session loss at the Caroline Hill sandlot.

Canuck hurler Bill "dazzler" Smith had the sappers cooling the water waggon with his high inside and handsome speedballs, but "Nick Altrock" base-running by his sandlot teammates put the old loss sign on a flashy mound performance.

The well-known "dazzler" allowed two measly bingles and struck out four, but climaxed a sweat-toiling day with a wrenched knee cap in the last frame on an intended swipe to second, and will probably be on the shelf for the next games.

Weekend Stars

Margery Woo and Lai Bik-wong, Truelight—Margery led a determined school girl attack, slashing out a terrific homerun and a sizzling double to drive in four runs; latter limited the Chinese Maroons to four soft bingles in her second softball mound performance.

Pang Kwong and A. R. Kitchell, English Forum—Former made two bingles to pace the winners' willow-wielding brigade; latter played sparkling ball at the windy alley and came in with the first Forum tally in the 6th stanza.

Taylor and Mickey Heath, Royal Engineers—Former sparked a wobbly Sapper infield in brilliant fashion, accepting six chances without a miscue; latter came in with the winning run in the 3rd to set the Maple Leafs out with three losses in a row.

Determination in every line . . . . . Bill Woo (Canucks) belting a big 'un to centre field in the match against the Forum on Sunday. Hal Winglee is behind the mask with Delgado umpiring.—*Ming Yuen.*

Major League Baseball Averages

NEW YORK, May 5 (UP).—Averages in the American Major Baseball Leagues, to date are as follows:

BATTING

American League.—Travis .521; Heath .417; Don DiMaggio .406; Croucher .405; Trosky .387.

National League.—Lavagetto .403; Jurges .393; Etten and Slaughter .385; Handley .368.

HOME RUNS

Camilli 7, McCormick, Nicholson, Joe DiMaggio, Olt and York 5.

RUNS SCORED

Joe DiMaggio 22, Lavagetto 18, Camilli 17, Dom DiMaggio 16, Croucher 16.

RUNS BATTED IN

Keller 23, Doerr 22, Joe DiMaggio, Gordon and Camilli 20.

HITS

Lavagetto 29, Dom DiMaggio 26, Joe DiMaggio, Gordon, Slaughter, Travis and Etten 25.

PITCHING

American.—Bonham and Sundra won 3 lost nil; Johnson and Harder won 2 lost nil.

National.—Casey and Hamlin won 4 lost nil; Warneke, Cooper and Lanier won 2 lost nil.

B.O'M. Deane And Miss J. Smalley Win Club Mixed Doubles

FIRST of the Hongkong C.C. tennis championships was decided at the Club ground yesterday when B. O'M. Deane and Miss J. Smalley (-3/6) beat J. S. Theobald and Mrs Torrible (-15) in the final of the Handicap Mixed Doubles. The score was 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Though errors predominated, the match was nevertheless interesting in that the sides were fairly evenly matched. Deane displayed a great amount of energy and with a reliable volley scored many times at the net.

Miss Smalley contributed her quota of support, exploiting a steady, and at times strong, forehand. It was only in the second and third sets, however, that they were able to strike up any sort of combination for Theobald and Mrs Torrible took the first set in a manner that stamped them as the probable eventual winners.

Theobald had a strong service, and made good use of it. He was somewhat weak overhead, but reliable in his ground strokes. In his partner, Mrs Torrible, he was given a steady service, and this, against the opposition in the first set, meant several points.

Tactics Revised

THE SECOND SET saw a revision of tactics on the part of Deane and Miss Smalley. They adopted a more aggressive style and it succeeded in carrying them through. They took a 5-2 lead, and though Theobald and Mrs Torrible took the next, the eventual winners claimed the 9th game for the set at 6-3.

The final set opened in promising style. The score was 2-all at the end of the 4th game, but Deane and Miss Smalley broke through the opposing service and once more took a 5-2 lead.

Again they lost the 8th game, but made no mistake with the next and won the set and match at 6-3.

King Gains Second Turf Victory

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King gained his second turf victory of the season to-day when his Classic's candidate, Merry Wanderer, won the May Handicap at Nottingham amid great enthusiasm.

Merry Wanderer started at odds 10-1, and ridden by Peter Maher, on leave from the Air Force, beat the Duke of Norfolk's 25-1 outsider, Clean Sweep, by eight lengths, with the 3-1 favourite, Salmoneus, owned by the Queen's cousin, the Hon. Mr J. Bowes-Lyon, third.

Rifle Shooting

Results Of Final Meet Held On Sunday

The Rifle Association wound up their season's shooting on Sunday with a shoot in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. Fine weather brought a large number of competitors to the Range for one of the season's most enjoyable shoots, and made for a high standard of shooting.

Spoons and cups were presented for competition by the Affiliated Clubs, and the amount raised was $70.

Mr Guard of the Dockyard Rifle Club headed the shooting with a good 87, beating Sgt Cole, with the same score, on the count but. The latter's 44 at 200 yards is worthy of note. Sgt Wall's 46 was the best score at 500 yards.

A prominent feature of the day's programme was the Miniature Rifle shooting, run by the R.A.F., which presented a number of spoons for which there was keen competition.

The .303 Team Shoot was won by the Hongkong Police, with the Volunteers second. Sgt Buran Singh carried off the Revolver trophy.

RESULTS

Leading scores and prize lists were as follow:

CLASS "A"

H'cap.	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tl.
J. A. Guard 3	42	45	87
Sgt F. Cole Scr.	44	43	87
Cpl S. Naranjan Singh 3	43	42	85
Sgt J. R. Wall Scr.	38	46	84
W.O. F. Tollison Scr.	39	45	84
Sgt N. L. Pan 3	42	42	84
R.Q.M.S., P. Hale Scr.	43	41	84
Sgt F. E. Russell Scr.	38	45	83
Sgt G. E. Breese Scr.	38	45	83
Havildar Bisram Singh Nil	39	44	83
Cpl W. J. Cash Scr.	41	42	83
C.H.M. Nau Ku Nil	42	41	83
L/Cpl G. Pemberton Scr.	38	44	82
Lieut G. J. P. Carey Scr.	40	42	82
Sgt T. Baker 3	40	42	82
Sgt M. F. Rushman Scr.	41	41	82
Cpl F. W. Ewens Scr.	40	41	81
L/Naik Azim Khan Nil	41	40	81
Pte W. Young Nil	42	39	81
N. V. Whyte 2	42	39	81
L/Sgt G. Puran Singh 2	43	38	81
L/Sgt W. R. Nunn Scr.	38	42	80
Cpl R. Langford Scr.	38	42	80

CLASS "B"

L/Sgt J. D. Remedios 5	41	42	83
A.S.L., (R) P. H. Thong 4	40	42	82
Pte A. M. Xavier 6	40	41	81
Pte L. A. Rosario 6	41	40	81
P.C., G. Narain Singh 7	42	39	81
Sgt R. Burkitt 6	39	41	80
P.C., Charan Singh 5	39	41	80
L/Cpl G. M. Dias Azedo 6	36	43	79
R. Tynemouth 5	37	42	79
R.I., (R) H. C. Ts'o 5	35	43	78
Cpl Sher Singh 7	38	43	77
Sgt W. T. Sargent 5	38	39	77
Cpl G. R. Morton 5	36	40	76
Pte W. T. Taylor 7	36	39	75

CLASS "C"

Cpl G. S. Lochtie 8	42	40	82
Piper F. Stewart 8	39	35	74
H.L.S. Blake 8	33	39	72
Lieut J. M. M. Alves 8	34	38	72
Piper R. Milne 8	30	38	68
S.I., (R) A. C. Chan 9	34	37	71
L.A.C., R.J.A.F., Callaghan 8	36	34	70
Pte R. H. Johnston 8	37	33	70
L/Cpl N. D. Booker 11	37	32	69
Pte W. K. Corneck 8	38	31	69
Sgt L. I. Priddy 6	32	36	68
Pte E. Thornton 10	30	30	66
Pte C. Bellchambers 11	33	33	66
P/O. H. B. Gray 8	31	32	63
Pte A. Buller 9	33	30	63

CLASS "D"

L/Cpl M. S. Lau 13	42	35	77
Pte A. Lim 12	30	38	68
Pte L. Brezny 14	29	33	61
Pte T. Lock 12	29	30	59
Pte F. Gibson 14	24	34	58
Pte G. Carrington 12	32	24	56
Pte W. G. Maycock 14	30	23	53

Winner of Cup and Handicap Spoon will have his Handicap reduced by one Point.

Miniature Rifle Section

Leading Scores in the .22 open sight Competition were:

CLASS "A"

Sep. Phut Singh	nil	92*
Sep. Shambu Singh	nil	92*
Capt G. C. Dawson	3	91*
Sep. Waligat Khan	nil	90
Sep. Ghulam Hadi	nil	89
C.S.M., Hale	1	89
Sgt Cole	5	88
J. A. Guard	3	89
D/M. Kifford	3	87
N. V. Whyte	2	87
Sgt Nunn	2	87
L/Nk. Ikbal Khan	nil	87
Mne Richardson	8	80

CLASS "B"

Sgt Sargent	5	85*
L/Cpl Wood	4	85=
Capt Guest	7	82
Cpl Henley	6	81
Pte V. Sequeira	6	79
R. Tynemouth	5	78
Cpl Lomaev	6	75
Capt Marsh	7	72

CLASS "C"

Piper Stuart	8	83*
Pte Corneck	8	80
H.K. Blake	8	80

CLASS "D"

Pte Maycock	14	84*
Pte A. Lim	12	80
N. D. Booker	12	72
T. Lock	12	60

The .22 aperture sight team shoot results were: Royal Air Force 377*; Police Reserve 355; Middlesex Regt 354; Police "A" 346; 7th Rajputs "B" 347; 7th Rajputs "A" 331.

* Winner of spoon.
= Tie score gauged out.

Claybird Championships

The annual Claybird Championships were shot off on Sunday morning, Capt. Hyde, of the Manchester Regt, obtaining two of the trophies.

Results were:

Newton Challenge Cup.—1, Capt C. H. R. Hyde, 2, Capt Dawson.

Individual Service Claybird Championship.—1, Capt Hyde, 2, Capt Dawson.

Services Inter-Unit Claybird Match.—1, Headquarters, China Command, 2, Middlesex Regt.

To-day's Matches

Two further Club matches will be played to-day. These will be the final of the Handicap Single, in which G. W. Sewell will meet T. J. Gould, and the semi-final of the Handicap Doubles—C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight.

Home Soccer Fixtures For May 10

WAR CUP FINAL

Arsenal v. Preston North End (At Wembley).

LEAGUE SOUTH

Portsmouth v. Bournemouth; Watford v. Luton Town.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL

Aldershot v. Queens Park Rangers; Brentford v. Fulham; Cardiff City v. Chelsea; Reading v. West Ham; Stoke City v. Northampiontown; Tottenham Hotspur v. Crystal Palace; Walsall v. Leicester City.

NORTHERN REGIONAL

Bury v. Manchester United; Chester v. Bolton Wanderers; Chesterfield v. Sheffield United; Liverpool v. Tranmere Rovers.

LIVERPOOL CUP

Oldham v. Rochdale; Wrexham v. Manchester City.

REGIONAL MATCH

Mansfield Town v. Grimsby Town.

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP SEMIFINAL

Leeds United v. Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE CUP SEMIFINAL

Burnley v. Blackpool.

OTHER MATCHES

Middlesbrough v. Sunderland.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

Hearts v. Rangers (At Hampden Park, Glasgow).

Golf

Captain's Cup Qualifiers

Results of the Captain's Cup Golf competition held at Fanling during the week-end were:

Old Course.—H. Overy 88-18=70. Qualified. Twenty entries.

New Course.—L. M. Rowland 87-16=71. Qualified. Eleven entries.

SPORTS ADVT.

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The FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 10th MAY, 1941,** commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No Children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Person, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1941.

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S. China Touring Soccer XI To Play R. Scots To-morrow

A soccer match will be played between South China and Royal Scots at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow. It is expected to attract no little attention in view of the fact that a South China side barely managed to draw on Sunday with Middlesex.

Lee Wai-tong will appear for the League and Shield champions, supported by some of the senior team and three Eastern players who will take part in South China's Malayan tour and who will be wearing South China's colours for the first time.

The Eastern players are Hsu Kingzen, Law Wai-kuen and Chung Yungsum. An admission charge of 50 and 30 cents will be made.

The South China team will sail for Singapore next week.

Referees' Meeting

The last monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held at Hotel Cecil at 8 p.m. to-day, when Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, will give an address on "Human Nature" in Association Football.

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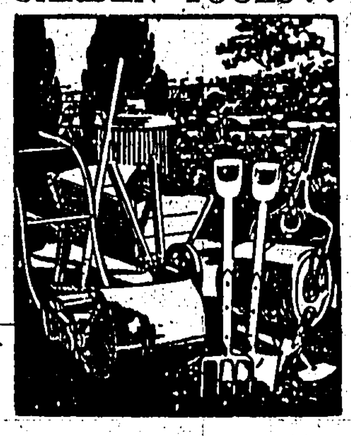

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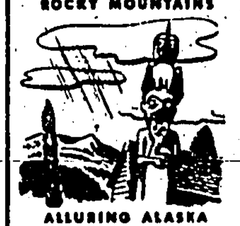

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The Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution recently wrote to the Hon. Secretary of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong, acknowledging a donation of £750.

Bomber Fund

A total of $1,870,075.50 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd, with the following donations:

Police Recreation Club—Bottle of Whisky	$ 50
Major C. R. Boxer (monthly donation)	30
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Miss I. Warbrick	100
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The Hon. Treasurer of the S.P.C.A. acknowledges with thanks the undermentioned donation:
"Blotto" and "Hobo", $10.

Inspector S. C. Saunders, Acting Sub-Inspector C. T. Byron and Sergeants J. G. Whitcroft and McKenzie are now in the Colony having returned from leave in Australia.

Moroccans Would Resist Any Foreign Invader

By Joseph L. Ravotto

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

MARRAKECH, French Morocco, May 4 (UP).—French Moroccans will fight any foreign force which "dares set foot upon our territory." El Hadi Thami El Galoui, his eyes flashing fire as he spoke, told me that when I interviewed him.

Not many people have heard of El Galoui before, but it is a name to conjure with in the vast western reaches of Morocco, from the hot coast of the Atlantic across the wilderness of the Atlas Mountains to the sands of the Sahara. El Galoui is the pasha of the Marrakech region, and probably the Moroccan leader best known in Europe.

He attached no strings to his statement that Moroccans would fight invasion from any quarter. He said that regardless of the attitude of the Vichy government, Moroccans would defend their homeland "with or without French aid."

The gaunt, tall Moroccan received me in his palace in this 800-year-old walled capital, which for generations than can be remembered has been the gateway to the south and the pleasure city of Western Islam.

It is to this city that the fierce and primitive berber tribesmen of the white-crowned Atlas Mountains come to trade with the Nomads of the Sahara and the wandering shepherds of the grazing land nearby.

The pasha expressed admiration for the United States, and said that despite his remoteness from America he had followed the Congressional debate on the Lease-Lend Bill with the greatest interest. He said that he expected much from the United States.

True Friendship

"It is not at the moment of affluence that one really knows his friends," said the pasha. "It is at the moment of adversity when one's very existence is threatened that one's true friends are discovered."

He made it plain that he is a friend of France. He wants to see Morocco being French.

"The United States," he said, "can and must help preserve our civilisations, our ways of living. We can help in many ways to restore France to her former position, but aid must come from the United States."

When I asked him what Morocco's reaction would be in case of invasion, his eyes flashed, and he said in French:

"We would fight anyone who dared set foot on our territory. I personally will lead my men to battle if African soil is violated. We would resist even if we had to resort to sticks and stones."

Bus Girls Ruin City's Traffic

WOMEN conductresses who start work late or not at all, and go home at blackout time leaving their buses stranded, are causing traffic chaos in Bristol.

Major E. J. Chapple, managing director of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., blamed the women in replying to complaints of irregular services in the city.

"We have the buses and we have the drivers," he said, "but what are we to do when probably 70 out of our 500 conductresses do not turn up in the morning."

No Scruples

Major Chapple complained that the women pick the most attractive-sounding jobs offered them at employment exchanges.

"If in a few days they don't like it, they have no scruples about packing up and going to a different job.

DIVORCE RECIPE

JUDGE Joseph Sabath, of Chicago, hearing his 52,679th divorce trial on his 71st. birthday, said that "in-laws, tin-can meals, working wives and crackerbox flats," were the cardinal causes of unhappy marriage.

"I've sat in divorce courts in London, Paris, Munich, Rome, Prague and Vienna, and the causes of divorce are the same the world over."

Sunday Not What It Used To Be

JUDGE Isaacs recently freed 56 residents of Wilmington, Delaware, charged with violation of ancient Sunday observance laws on the grounds that Sunday newspapers, drug stores, neighbourhood stores, restaurants and automobile drives are modern necessities.

"The Lord's Day must be preserved but the stream of life to-day differs vastly from when these laws were enacted," he said.

The State Attorney-General had launched wholesale prosecutions because the Legislature refused to bring the Sabbath observance laws up to date.

More than 500 persons, including newsboys, milkmen and bus drivers were indicted.

Over 7,000 Jews Now Recruited

Further recruiting of Palestinians in five categories of the British Army of the Middle East has just been announced.

Besides Palestinian companies of the Buffs, recruits were sought for the Engineers, the Royal Corps of Signals, the R.A.S.C. and the Pioneer Corps.

With the second company of Royal Engineers and the fifth Jewish infantry company now being formed, the number of Jews serving with the Colours approaches 7,500 of the total of 10,000 Palestinians, according to Mr Shertok head of the political department of the Jewish Agency. He pointed out that this exceeds the number who served in the Jewish regiment during the last war.

Mr Shertok recalled that Jewish recruits were then enlisted in several countries, but now they are only being recruited in Palestine. More than half the Palestinian volunteers are on active service in all parts of Africa. The remainder are either on garrison duties in Palestine or training.

Wallace Beery Wins Case

Alleged Wrongful Arrest

Wallace Beery, film actor, has won a suit brought against him by Allan Whitney for £200,000 damages for wrongful arrest.

Fifteen years ago Whitney, now 28, was a candidate for adoption by Beery.

Whitney was seen loitering near Beery's mansion.

Noah Beery, Wallace's brother, summoned the police, who arrested Whitney on a vagrancy charge. They released him later.

Whitney said Wallace Beery had ordered his arrest because of a grudge, dating from the time Beery had taken him into his home, then ordered him out.

Adopted Daughters

Wallace Beery, 52, has adopted two daughters, Coral Ann, now 9, and Phyllis Ann, 18 months.

When Beery and his wife amicably arranged a divorce in May, 1939, after 14 years' marriage, they decided to share the custody of Coral Ann.

Six months after the divorce Beery adopted Phyllis Ann to be a companion to Coral Ann.

Wind Carried Him Across

A Spitfire pilot baled out nearly four miles above the Straits of Dover recently and people standing on the English coast saw him blown towards Nazi-occupied France by a strong wind while his plane came down on English soil.

One watcher said: "It looked as though he would be carried right across into the Germans' hands. To stand there watching, unable to help, was just maddening.

"We saw him through a gap in the clouds as his plane came flaming down. He had been in a fight with a German formation in a snowstorm."

Boys Wanted Poached Eggs

"Poached eggs on toast, please," ordered three 11-year-old boys in a cafe at Alton (Hants).

"Eggs, indeed," said the proprietor. "Where do you think we get eggs from?"

Taking five eggs from their pockets, the boys said: "That's all right. You toast the bread and we'll give you the eggs."

At Alton Juvenile Court it was disclosed that the boys had stolen the eggs from a farm. For this and other offences they were each ordered six strokes of the birch and placed on probation for a year.

£75 GIFT TO HOSPITAL

The Secretary at St. Thomas's Hospital had a pleasant surprise recently when a girl walked into the office and handed over an envelope containing £75 in notes. The girl refused to leave her name, but inside the envelope was a note reading, "Would you please accept this money as a gift to the hospital from a grateful patient of some years ago."

FAMOUS ARCHITECT JOINS REITH'S EXPERTS

MR. T. S TAIT

THE Scotsman who was invited to replan Moscow has joined the team of experts that Lord Reith, Minister for Works and Buildings, is getting together.

He has appointed Mr. T. S. Tait, the famous architect—probably one of the most highly paid in the world—to be his Director of Standardisation.

This is an important and intelligent appointment, for Mr. Tait is at once one of our most brilliant modern architects and one who has shown how standard units can be used to artistic advantage.

He planned the Empire Exhibition at Glasgow on unit lines, with the result that the buildings were assembled in days instead of months.

He was the architect of Scotland's Government buildings on the Calton Hill, acknowledged one of the finest buildings of this period, and he planned it in a restrained modern style.

Star of 'Merry Widow' Thought Himself Poor

JOE COYNE, the Robert Taylor of his day, made famous by "The Merry Widow" musical comedy, died recently aged seventy-three, in a nursing home at Virginia Water, Surrey, where he had been a patient since 1939.

One of the greatest Edwardian musical comedy stars, he was still acting in 1931, yet he was almost unknown to the present generation.

He spent his last years in almost Spartan simplicity, convinced he was a poverty-stricken old actor forgotten by his friends. In fact, he has died worth £40,000.

His death was due to pneumonia.

Until he was taken to the nursing home he lived for many years in a small bedroom at the Carlton Hotel. But he never dined there. He walked slowly, always alone, to a small restaurant in Piccadilly. His bill was never more than a few shillings.

Always Looked Poor

He drank nothing but water—the man who, in his heyday, used to joke that he was American by birth, English by adoption, and Scotch by absorption.

He even began to economise on his shaves.

"He was not 'down and out,' but he always looked poor," a friend said. "I often used to wonder if the people who passed him in the street realised what a famous man it was going along looking so sad.

"Sometimes when he passed my office I would go out and ask him how he was. His face would light up with gratification that some one had recognised him. He was just living in the past."

But even if he did not think so he had friends. It was Edna May—who introduced him to London in 1901 in "The Girl from Up There"—who discovered, in 1939, how ill he was. She arranged for him to be moved to the nursing home.

Past Successes

It was Edna May who recommended him to George Edwardes for the part of Danilo in "The Merry Widow" in 1907. He had returned to New York, where he was born, after his appearance in "The Girl from Up There." But after "The Merry Widow" he made London his home.

His career became a succession of musical comedy triumphs. Edna May, Gertie Millar, Lily Elsie, Phyllis Dare, Gladys Cooper, Ethel Levey, Constance Collier, Gertrude Lawrence, Binnie Hale, and June were all his leading ladies.

Boy Killed In Shelter

A 13-year-old boy was recently killed by the explosion of a light-calibre bomb concealed in an Anderson shelter at the back of his house.

He was Raymond Patridge, of Harriet Street, Cardiff.

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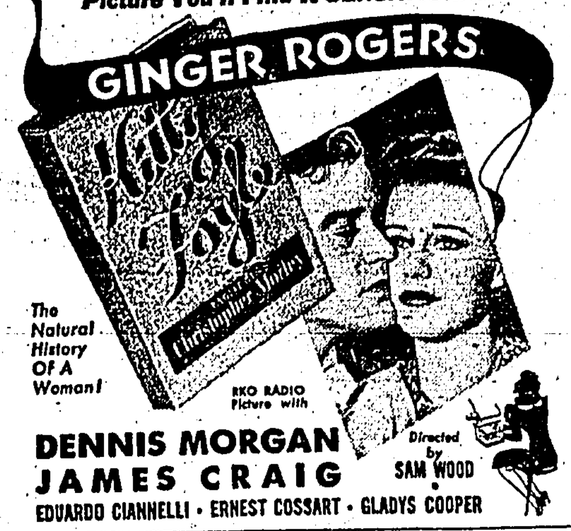

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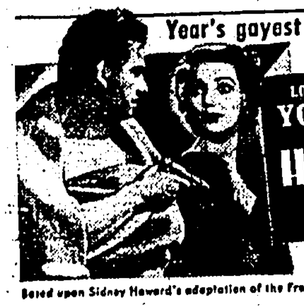

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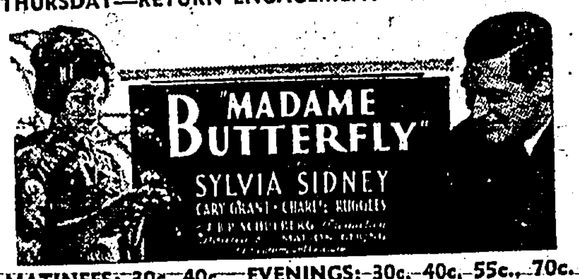

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Turkey's Offer To Mediate

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warning the population that continued resistance against the British troops would result in the bombing of official buildings and that Baghdad replied that if such is done, Iraq planes will bomb British residences.

It also quoted a declaration by Raschid Ali to the nation and army thanking the nation for the patriotism shown during the first hours of the struggle and assuring the people that it was the Government's aim to safeguard the nation, and to continue to fight on to victory.

Patrols Watchful

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—Successful infantry patrols from Habbaniyah were carried out throughout Sunday night, says an additional Middle East communique issued to-day.

The communique adds that yesterday there was intermittent shelling of the R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah by Iraqi artillery. It was not of a serious nature owing to constant air patrols maintained by British fighters and bombers.

Armoured Cars Used

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—British armoured cars attacked the Iraqi desert fort of Rutbah, states a Beirut message quoted by the German news agency, which claims that the attack was successfully repelled by the Iraqi troops.

German Report

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—Radio Berlin announced that the Iraqi troops have occupied Habbaniyah air base and have completely encircled Basra.

Iraqi Claim

BEIRUT, May 5 (UP).—Iraq sources to-day claimed that two British troop carrying planes have been shot down.

Six hundred non-Syrian students have been dismissed from their classes at the American University after repeated Arab student demonstrations at Behals, Iraq.

Currency Order

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—The Treasury to-day announced that a new order under the defence finance regulations excludes Iraq from the sterling area.

No Nazi Forces

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—There is no evidence of the arrival of German aircraft or officers, it was stated in a review of the position in Iraq in military circles here.

A spokesman estimated the total strength of the Iraqi air force at 120 of all types, hardly any of them modern.

The unarmed party captured at Rutbah, mentioned in to-day's British communique, consisted of three or four British officers and a few sappers, the remainder being local labourers. They were captured by a mobile Iraqi force.

The spokesman said that the situation around Habbaniyah was "a little difficult and delicate."

Apart from the men at Basra and Habbaniyah, the British had only a certain number of construction gangs working on the Baghdad-Haifa Road, which passes through Rutbah.

Direct Hits On Scharnhorst

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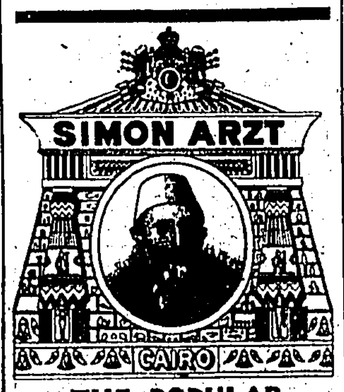
horst and Gneisenau, states the Air Ministry.

The continued presence of the battle cruisers at Brest after five weeks suggests, adds the Ministry, that either they have developed some grave defect while at sea or what is more probable, that Brest has proved a very poor shelter.

They made for port late in March to be refuelled and to munition the ships.

These tasks can be normally completed in 24 hours.

On Sunday night they showed up clearly under the moon and pilots report very accurate bombing with direct hits on both cruisers. Sticks of the heaviest bombs also fell repeatedly across the dry dock in which one vessel had berthed and about a jetty where others were led up.



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London people were lately able to see the north side of St Paul's Cathedral for the first time from Newgate-street. The removal of a dangerous building by dynamite gave this view.

Belfast Bravely Faces Second Blitz Blow

(By "Reuter's" Staff Reporter)

BELFAST, May 5.—For the second time in three weeks, the Luftwaffe crossed the Irish Sea on Sunday night to strike indiscriminately at this patriotic Northern Ireland city.

Amid the misery of ruined homes, fortitude mingled with tremendous relief that the casualties were not as heavy as at first feared. The blow was, however, severe as the official communique shows with its reference to "much damage to commercial, industrial and residential property."

At a hospital hit in the previous raid and damaged again on Sunday night, I have just been told of the gallantry of the nurses who shepherded to safety their patients—mostly women and children—as flames swept part of the building. Their calm courage was matched by that of the firemen, A.R.P. workers and ambulance drivers who battled through the night to check the fires and to bring in the injured, and by those ordinary men and women whose homes were gone but who, since they felt that they were in this war as completely as any part of Britain now, are not dismayed because they felt its full severity.

Only a few hours after the sun rose on the battered city, tidying-up proceeded as swiftly as possible.

Eire Town Raided

DUBLIN, May 5 (UP).—It is officially stated that an unidentified aircraft early this morning dropped high explosive bombs on a town in County Donegal, smashing windows in the houses in the vicinity. There were no casualties.

Liverpool Carries On

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—After four days and nights of raids, Liverpool is carrying on.

Following a special meeting of the city's Emergency Committee, special arrangements were considered and a statement was issued that Liverpool had passed through a serious trial and the Committee expressed its great appreciation of the spirit in which the citizens had met the crisis.

It was a great inspiration, the Committee added, to know that Liverpool had not been behind other cities in its realisation of the importance of maintaining the steadiness of civic life.

Nazi Raiders Pay Dearly

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of machine-gun fire but little damage was done and there were no casualties.

One plane was destroyed by an R.A.F. pilot who was merely out testing his guns. He and his Squadron Leader were making for a suitable place to fire cannon shells when two German fighters were spotted.

It is now known that in the attack on Merseyside on Friday night, another enemy bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, making a total of six destroyed that night.

LATE NEWS

Worms In Pork Cause Disease

The first outbreak of trichinosis in Britain for 30 years was reported to the Harpenden Council recently. Pork sausages were the cause.

Trichinosis is due to minute parasitic worms which cause pain and swelling in the muscles, slight fever, and digestive trouble.

"This disease is prevalent in Germany, where there is a 16 per cent. death rate," said the Medical officer of Health, who added that there were eight cases in the district.

Efforts were being made to determine the source of the disease, which was spread both by pigs and rats.

Rats in the Elephant and Castle area were found suffering from the disease, although there were no cases among the people there.

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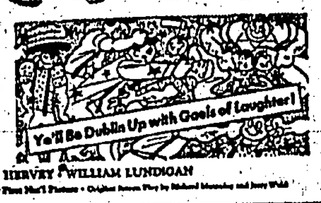

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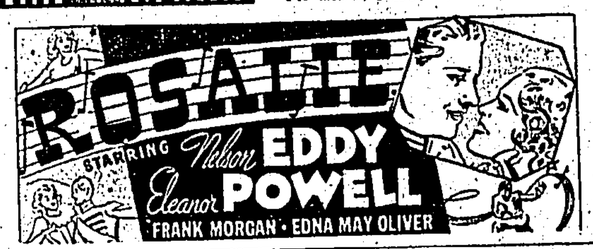

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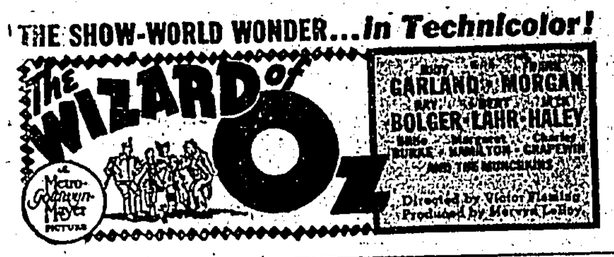

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China Concentrating On Heavy Industries

The Chinese Ministry of Economic Affairs announced recently that it will spend a further $100,000,000 in 1941 for development of industries in Free China. Emphasis will be on heavy industries, but the leather tanning, paper, chemical and petroleum industries will benefit from the new appropriations.

China has suffered heavily in the past from the loss of the small but laboriously built group of heavy industrial plants due to the war.

On the eve of the war, China had 20 blast furnaces with a total capacity of 4,210 tons per month, but practically all were lost during the first months of the war. To-day, Free China has 21 newly-constructed modern blast furnaces, all working at capacity in an effort to make herself self-sufficient in iron.

Motor Fuel Production

New equipment is being installed in oil fields in Kansu, where production of gasoline has reached 60,000 gallons per month. When this new equipment begins to operate, production will be stepped up to 450,000 gallons per month.

Meanwhile, the production of alcohol for motor fuel has been increased from 520,000 gallons to 580,000 gallons.

The Yunnan Provincial Government has drawn up plans for a $1,300,000 plant for manufacturing asphalt for road surfacing. The Yunnan Highway Bureau and the provincial Finance Department are co-operating in the project.

Officer Left Guard For Club

A subaltern of the Grenadier Guards who was in charge of the Whitehall defences—the protection of Government offices and the Houses of Parliament—pleaded guilty at a Chelsea court-martial recently to leaving his guard and going to a club with a lance-corporal and a guardsman.

The officer, Second-Lieutenant Cyril Edwin Dodd, was described by his counsel as "a typical English sportsman."

He also pleaded guilty to charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline in going to the club with Lance-Corporal G. Simmonds and Guardsman L. Sykes, and causing them to be supplied with alcohol.

Dodd, it was stated, had his dinner and left in a W.D. car driven by Sykes and accompanied by Simmonds to go to the round of his posts. They arrived at the last post at about 11.15 p.m., and afterwards went to a club in Earl's Court Road.

British Minister On Death List

Bucharest police recently raided the flat of a beautiful Jewess named Mme. Lupescu, mistress of a leading Iron Guardist—and no relation to the woman behind ex-King Carol.

Under the floorboards of her bedroom a dossier was found containing the names of all the people the Iron Guard legionaries planned to murder.

Those who served Carol as Ministers and all the leading Jewish industrialists were to be first to die. Then came a page headed with the name of Sir Reginald Hoare, British Minister to Bucharest.

"PAT" McCORMICK LEAVES £6,500

The Rev. William Patrick Glyn McCormick, who was vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar-square, chaplain to the King, and well-known as a broadcast preacher, left £6,501. He bequeathed all his property to his widow.

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TURKEY'S OFFER TO MEDIATE IN IRAQ'S DISPUTE WITH BRITAIN

LONDON, MAY 5 (REUTER).—IT IS NOW CONFIRMED IN LONDON THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAVE OFFERED TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND IRAQI GOVERNMENTS, SAYS "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHILE GREATLY APPRECIATING THE FRIENDLY MOTIVE OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO POINT OUT THAT THE ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE OF ENTERING INTO ANY NEGOTIATIONS IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF IRAQI TROOPS FROM HABBANIYAH.

IMPOSSIBLE IRAQI CONDITION

ISTANBUL, May 5 (UP).—The Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu has offered his services as intermediary in the dispute between Iraq and Britain and the Turkish Foreign Office is reported to be very active in attempting to settle the matter.

It is understood that the Iraq Government, as one of the conditions of a possible agreement, propose that British troops be withdrawn from the country, but it is admitted that this bargaining point represents a serious demand. Simultaneously it is emphasized that Britain cannot lose her communications with Turkey and Palestine.

EXPENSIVE RAID ON CRETE

Heavy Nazi Air Losses

Special to the "Telegraph".

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—An R.A.F. communique states that British fighter planes intercepted enemy planes which were raiding Crete and shot down four and damaged another. Anti-aircraft fire destroyed others.

C-in-C Appointed

CANEA, Crete, May 5 (Reuter).—Allied forces in Crete are now under the command of the New Zealand General, Major-General C. B. Freyberg, V.C., Commander-in-Chief of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

This is announced in the following Order of the Day by the Greek Prime Minister and War Minister, Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos: "In order better to conduct the struggle which we have undertaken with our powerful ally, Great Britain, His Majesty King George and his Government have decided that the Allied troops of the island should be placed under a single command.

"Major General Freyberg has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the island."

Direct Hits On Scharnhorst and Gneisenau

Sustained Attack By R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced to-day that pilots claimed direct hits on the German battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest last night.

The attack on Brest was intense, lasting two hours, beginning shortly before midnight.

The R.A.F. pilots "carried great loads of armour-piercing bombs, and the pilots report very accurate bombing. Direct hits on both battle-cruisers are claimed. Sticks of very heavy bombs also fell repeatedly across the dockyard in which one vessel is berthed."

One pilot said that he had spent an hour and a quarter going backward and forward over Brest, including three runs over the battle-cruisers, before he dropped his bombs.

Glorious Hour

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—In one crowded hour on Sunday night over an enemy occupied aerodrome in occupied France, from which German bombers attack Britain, one R.A.F. pilot attacked five Nazi raiders returning to their base. Although he was unable to see the result of his attacks, states the Air Ministry News Service, five of the enemy planes must be regarded as seriously damaged.

Brest A Poor Shelter

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—A great load of heavy armourpiercing bombs was carried to Brest on Sunday night by the R.A.F. to drop on the two Nazi battle cruisers, Scharn-

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Nazi Raiders Pay Dearly

Many Downed Over British Isles

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The German air force lost at least eight bombers on Sunday night to the fire of British night fighters, anti-aircraft guns and a destroyer when the principal targets were Northern Ireland and northwest England, including—for the fourth night in succession—Merseyside.

The destroyer Southdown, it became known to-night, raised the night's total to just half that of Saturday night when she was attacked by a twin-engined German bomber. Her fire caused the raider to burst into flames and crash into the sea.

The Southdown proceeded on her course without having suffered any casualties.

Daylight Success

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—Two German planes were shot down during daylight to-day when a small number of enemy aircraft crossed the southeast coast of Britain.

Bombs were dropped at a point in the southeast and there were bursts

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TOBRUK BATTLE CONTINUES

Counter-Attack By British Forces

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—On the night of May 3-4, our troops at Tobruk launched a counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and broke up preparations which were being made for a renewal of attack, says a communique.

In the Sollum area, our mechanised forces were again active. Several enemy detachments were successfully engaged with losses in personnel and armoured fighting vehicles.

Dent In Defences

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—A Military spokesman described the position at Tobruk to-day as "Both sides are still licking their wounds."

On the first day of this attack, he added, the enemy made a breach of 2,000 yards like a blister in the southwest part of the outer perimeter but new British defence lines have been built across this point which was some miles from the inner defence line.

The spokesman said that it was quite probable that the enemy had lost a total of 50 tanks so far.

Communications by sea remained open and a number of prisoners had already been shipped.

THREAT TO AZORES

Portuguese Fear Parachutists

JERSEY CITY, N.J., May 5 (Reuter).—There is widespread fear in Portugal that a German parachute invasion of the Azores might be imminent, said Captain Grove, captain of the liner Excalibur, on her arrival from Lisbon.

On the day the Excalibur left Lisbon he saw a Portuguese troopship with about 3,000 soldiers leave, apparently for the Azores.

He understood that a similar contingent left for the Azores several days before.

PLANES OVER ALEXANDRIA

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft flew over Alexandria between 10 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. last Sunday night. There were no casualties or damage.

Official Communique

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—An official communique issued from British G.H.Q. states:

"Iraqi artillery posted in the vicinity of Habbaniyah was rendered comparatively inactive yesterday by our aircraft. The garrison of Habbaniyah is intact and has suffered very few casualties from the unprovoked Iraqi attack. A greater part of the Iraqi air force has already been destroyed by our air force either while attempting to attack the British camps or as the result of attacks by our air force on Iraqi air bases.

"After attacking an unarmed British construction gang which was in the vicinity, Iraqi forces on May 2 occupied Ruthah.

"In the Basra area, our troops remain in occupation without interference.

Situation Delicate

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—Well informed circles to-day stated that the fighting is continuing around Habbaniyah and that the situation is "a little delicate." An unarmed British construction party in the vicinity of Rutba have probably been taken prisoner. The party consisted mainly of workmen belonging to local tribes but were led by a few British sapper officers and non-commissioned officers.

Warning Leaflets

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—Radio Ankara this evening quoted the Baghdad radio as saying that British planes dropped leaflets on Baghdad warning the population that continued resistance against the British troops would result in the bombing of official buildings and that Baghdad replied that if such is done, Iraq planes will bomb British residences.

It also quoted a declaration by Raschid Ali to the nation and army thanking the nation for the patriotism shown during the first hours of the struggle and assuring the people that it was the Government's aim to safeguard the nation, and to continue to fight on to victory.

Patrols Watchful

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—Successful infantry patrols from Habbaniyah

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Concession To Chinese

H.K. Immigration Law Modified

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 5 (UP).—Hongkong's immigration law which last December was first extended to include Chinese has now been modified as far as Chinese are concerned according to the Foreign Office.

The regulation enforcing Chinese entering or leaving the Colony to produce a passport as well as a visa has been altered and henceforth only a passport will be required.

Previously the British Consulate charged 60 yuan for a residential vise and three yuan for a travelling vise.

America's Big Plane Output For Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (UP).—The Department of Commerce announces that 414 aeroplanes valued at $25,000,000 and 983 engines valued at $13,500,000 were shipped to Britain during March.

New Record High

It was learned to-day that United States aeroplane production hit a new high mark during April, 1,488 planes being turned out. The previous record was on March when 1,216 planes were produced.

Informed quarters said that 78 were commercial planes and the balance went to the Army, Navy and Britain.

Mr William Knudsen, Chairman of the Office of Production Management said recently that the March output would be doubled by August 31.

British Bombers Did This At Bergen

Amongst the many important objectives of British bombers have been the German occupied ports of France, Holland, Norway and Denmark. These two pictures illustrate the effectiveness of those attacks. One protograph shows a military objective in Bergen sent up in billowing smoke, and below a German transport loaded with war material sunk at a pier in the Bergen harbour.

GERMAN DESIGNS ON SYRIA

Military Base Rumours

ZURICH, May 5 (Reuter).—Political circles here assume that Germany is anxious to have permission to use Syria as a military base.

No authoritative information, however, is available in connection with Germany's proposals to Vichy which were handed by Herr Otto Abetz, the Nazi Ambassador to France, to Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Foreign Minister, during the week-end.

Darlan For Paris

—LONDON, May 5—(Reuter).—The Swiss radio reports from Vichy that Admiral Darlan, who left this afternoon for Paris, is accompanied by two diplomatic advisers.

The announcer said that the diplomatic negotiations which Admiral Darlan will conduct in Paris are of far-reaching importance for the future of French-German relations.

U. S. Admirals Back Britain To Win

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, May 5 (UP).—Seventeen experts on military and political affairs—including four retired Admirals—to-day declared that the statements that Britain has already lost the war and cannot be saved by aid from the United States are unwarranted.

Their joint statement says: "The essential element of British survival and ultimate victory is the maintenance of a sufficient flow of shipping across the Atlantic. American naval and air forces now possess the striking power, as in 1917, to equalise and perhaps turn to our advantage the struggle which is now being waged along the convoy routes."

The signatories of the statement included Admirals William V. Pratt, William H. Standley, both former Chief of Naval Operations, Vice Admiral William L. Rodgers, former President of the Naval War College, and Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, former Commander in Chief of the Asiatic Fleet.

They gave eight reasons for their belief and concluded that "even if it is true—which we deny—that Britain is destined to lose the war, it is imperative that Hitler's victory be as long delayed and as costly as possible.

Amazing New U. S. Plane

Too Fast To See

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LOS ANGELES, May 5 (UP).—The Lockheed-38 was demonstrated to the public for the first time to-day and is so fast that it disappears before it can be heard.

Thirty thousand persons saw the plane knife across the sky and vanish before the twin motors were heard. It climbed vertically and the speed attained is believed to be more than 500 m.p.h.

The design is perfect but it is believed that it will fly 400 m.p.h. on three quarters throttle. It carries two rapid fire cannon and four or six heavy machine-guns.

Chiang's Concern Over Panamanian Chinese

CHUNGKING, May 5 (Central News).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is showing deep concern over the Chinese who have been forced to return to China owing to the new restrictions imposed by the Panama Government.

He has instructed the Secretariats of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters to send a telegram to Mr Chow Chi-kang, Vice Chairman of the Commission on Overseas Affairs, for transmission to over 100 Chinese who have arrived in Hongkong expressing concern over their conditions and commending their patriotic fervour.

GIBRALTAR

Evacuation of Civilians Continues

GIBRALTAR, May 5 (Reuter).—It is officially announced here that further evacuations of civilians are taking place shortly.

Lists numbering over 1,000 to-day included many Spanish refugees.

LATEST

Sun Yat-sen ANNIVERSARY

CHUNGKING, May 5 (Central News).—In commemoration of the 20th anniversay of the establishment of the Revolutionary Government and the assumption by the late Dr Sun Yat-sen of the post of Extraordinary President of the Chinese Republic, a mass meeting attended by over 800 persons including many high Government officials, was held this morning.

Mr B. S. Fong, overseas Chinese leader and member of the People's Political Council, has left the Colony for San Francisco.

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Clare Boothe Luce, the American author of that witty and sardonic play, "The Women," went to Europe a year ago to "see about the war" for herself—heading for "a world where men have decided to die together because they are unable to find any way to live together."

Now she is here with her husband and they are going to see what conditions are like in Chungking and China.

In "European Spring," she gives a brilliant account of her talks with statesmen, soldiers and the ordinary people she met.

Miss Boothe proved herself a highly intelligent and severely critical observer, though, as she admits, she was occasionally wise after the event.

A homeside reviewer said of her: If sometimes her judgments about individuals are wrong, her heart is always in the right place, passionately on the side of democracy. Her last chapter—a series of questions to the American people—is a reasoned plea for intervention: "The situation as it stands in America is just about as it stood last spring in Europe."

Some of the best things in the book are in the footnotes:

The only other "great man" I ever refused to meet was in Germany in 1937—Adolf Hitler. But for quite different reasons. I suppose the simplest way to put it is that I was deathly afraid, being a woman, I might just once smile on him. And all the human curiosity in the world would not, I felt, justify to myself that small but fatal hypocrisy.

Hague Placidity

Miss Boothe arrived at The Hague three days before the "rape of Holland." High officials were "placidly" discussing the prospects of invasion, and in an account of a talk with M. Snouck Hurgronje, Permanent Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs, she states that the Dutch Government knew five days before that the Germans were going to invade Norway.

She said: "You knew five days before? Did you tell the French and English about it?" "Certainly not," he said indignantly. "Why should we? They're not our allies."

Miss Boothe discovered that "in inner Cabinet circles in France they did not talk about war, but about politics, and they did not really care about democracy, but about their own nation."

Ciano's Slang

As entertaining as anything in "European Spring" is Miss Boothe's witty account of a talk in Rome with Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister. Proud of his knowledge of American slang, he invited her to "shoot the works," adding that she could say anything she liked to him.

She put some pertinent questions, but after two hours she "learned nothing, nothing at all."

At Lisbon, waiting for the Clipper to take her home, she met Noel Coward. She told him that France was going to surrender. Noel Coward said: "England will never, never surrender."

They talked of Hollywood where the film magnates were waiting "until the war in Europe blew over."

"Blows over what," I asked— "the Atlantic?" That witty remark really sums up Clare Boothe's book.

War Reaches Antarctic

German Operations

BOSTON, May 5 (Reuter).—Germans and Japanese have been in the Antarctic and British naval forces have blown up a Norwegian whaler repair ship in Deception Bay to prevent her use by the Germans.

These reports have been brought back to the United States from Little America by members of Admiral Byrd's expedition who returned today.

The officers stated that rumours of German operations near Deception Island came to them from other mariners but the captain of Admiral Byrd's ship, North Star, declared that before the ship left the Antarctic he saw a Japanese whaler manoeuvring off the coast.

Repair Shops Maintained

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BOSTON, May 5 (UP).—Members of the United States Antarctic Expedition to-day reported that Germany had maintained Antarctic naval repair shops at Deception Island harbour, 600 miles from the South American coast until they were blown up a few months ago.

Dr Paula Siple head of the west base of the expedition in Little America said that he had received information from a "high Chilean naval officer" that "the shops were built by three German explorers who were in the area in 1938. The officer said the shops were blown up so you may draw your own conclusions as to who may have done this."

It is speculated that the base may have been used by the Graf Spee. Admiral Byrd asserted his explorations have given the United States claim to 1,000,000 square miles of territory. He added that definite claims would be deferred pending conferences with Argentine and Chile.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

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TYRE RIM KILLS DRIVER

An unusual fatality occurred when Thomas Norwood, lorry driver, and Bernard Wilshaw, both of Normanton, were changing the wheel on the lorry because of a puncture. They had almost got the near rim in position when it sprung off and hit Norwood in the face. His skull was fractured and he died instantly. Wilshaw received severe cuts in the face.

G. R.

NOTICE

Owing to road and tramway tracks repairs, Des Voeux Road West between Hill Road and Queen's Road West will be closed to westbound motor vehicular traffic from Midnight on the 8th day of May 1941 until such repairs are completed.

J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS,
Commissioner of Police.

6th May, 1941.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,315 sa.
H.K. Banks £	71 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	78 n.
Chartered £	8⅝ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	22¼ n.
Mercantile C. £	11¼ n.
East Asia $	70 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons $	222½ n.
Union $	420 n.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H.K. Fire $	187 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $ x.d.	128 n.
Steamboats $	8¼ n.
Indo-Chinas P. $	80 b.
Indo-Chinas D. $	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40/- n.
Waterboats $	6.55 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	85½ n.
Docks $	15 n.
Providents $	4.60 b.
S'hai Dockyards $	25½ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	12/6 n.
Raubs $	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1¼ cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels $	2.80 b. & sa.
Lands $	31 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97¼ n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	12½ n.
Humphreys $	6.70 n.
H.K. Realties $	2.00 n.
Chinese Estates $	99 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	16 s.
Peak Trams (old) $	7½ n.
Peak Trams (new) $	3½ n.
Star Ferries $	51¼ n.
Y. Ferries $	23¾ n.
China Lights (old) $	5.90 s.
China Lights (new)	1½ n.
H.K. Electrics (old) x. rts. $	24 n.
H.K. Electrics (new)	23½ n.
H.K. Electrics Rts $	13¼ s.
Macao Electrics $	17 n.
Sandakan Lights $	12 n.
Telephones (old) $	23 s.
Telephones (new) $	9¼ n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Mack. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	15 n.
H.K. Ropes $	6.60 s.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	17¼ n.
Watsons $	9½ s.
Lane Crawfords $	7¼ s.
Sinceres $	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	39 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1½ n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	38 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	200 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% (1934)	94½ n.
H.K. Govt 3½% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	28 n.
Entertainments $	6¼ b.
Contructions (old) $	160 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/1½ n.

Jews Want To Form Army

Jews want to organise a complete Jewish army with infantry, air force and mechanised and intelligence sections.

This was part of a five-point programme put forward to M.P.s at a House of Commons meeting recently by Mr A. Abrahams, head of the political department of the New Zionist Organisation.

Efforts are being made to form a Parliamentary group interested in Jewish problems, including peace aims, which are understood to embrace a plan for the mass transfer of European congestion for resettlement in Palestine.

FLEET STREET'S OWN A. T. C.

An effort is to be made to form a Newspaper Squadron of the Air Training Corps. It is hoped to enrol 100 boys—a full squadron—from the newspaper offices in Fleet-street.

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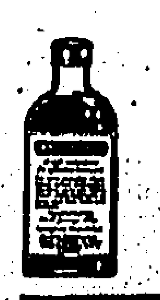

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T.T. Manila	47½
T.T. Batavia	44½
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	103
T.T. France	—
T.T. Switzerland	101
T.T. Australia	1/6½
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3½
4 m/s D/P London	1/3⅝
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24⅝
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	84⅝
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03¼

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 George Scott Wood and His Accordeon Band.

12.45 Sea Shanties by John Goss and The Cathedral Male Quartet.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Light Orchestral Selections.

Dancing Down the Ages (introducing 33 Dances from early Grecian Days to Date, arranged—Finck).... Herman Finck and His Orchestra; Notte Sul Mare, Barcarolle (Valente) ....Orchestra Napolitain; Yiddische Wedding Fantasia (arr. Michaeloff) ....Alfredo and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Manhattan Serenade (Alter)....Salon Orchestra; Sleeping Beauty's Bridal Procession (Rhodo); In A Clock Store (Orth)....Otto Dobrindt and His Concert Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Humorous and Vocal Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 A Programme of Hill Billy Music.

Hill Billy Medley; Intro.: The Last Round up; Will the Angels play their Harps for me; Home on the Range; Wagon Wheels; Ole Faithful; Roll along, Covered Wagon .....Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus; It Ain't Nobody's Biz'ness What I Do (Browne and others); (a) Oh Susannah; (b) We'll Rest at the End of the Trail (Poulton and Rose) ....The Rocky Mountaineers with Bunk House boys; The Prairie is my Home (from "Guns of the Pecos")... Dick Foran with Orchestra; (a) Underneath the Old Pine Tree; (b) The Trail of the Lonesome Pine....The Rocky Mountaineers with Bunk House Boys; Rollin' Plains (film "Rollin' Plains")....Big Bill Campbell and His Hill Billy Band; Riding the Range in the Sky (Harry Carlton); Twilight on the Trail (film "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine") ....Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) and The Good Companions.

8.32 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Grace Moore (Soprano).

Masquerade (Loeb); I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood)....Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; The Whistling Boy; Our Song (both from film "When You're in Love).... Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra; Isn't it Romantic (Theme Song, "Love Me To-night"); Always in my Heart (Turk and Coats).... Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; Without Your Love (Operetta "The Dubarry")..Grace Moore (Soprano) and Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; Souvenir D'Ukraine (Ferraris)....Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a New World" No. 2: "God and Freedom."

Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.33 Excerpts from Mozart's—"The Magic Flute."

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Glazounow—"Stenka Razine."

Orchestra of the Brussels Royal Conservatoire conducted by Desire Defauw.

10.00 A Schumann Programme.

Carnaval—Ballet Music...London Ballet Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr; Romance No. 1, Op. 94.... Henri Temianka (Violin) with Piano; Toccata, Op. 7.....Simon Barer (Piano); Romance No. 2, Op. 94..... Henri Temianka (Violin) with Piano; The Almond Tree....Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano; Dream Visions, Op. 12, No. 7....Vladimir Horowitz (Piano); The Lotus Flower ....Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Symphony No. 1 in B Flat Major, Op. 38; 1st Mov.: Andante—Allegro molto vivace—Allegro; 2nd Mov.: Larghetto; 3rd Mov.: Scherzo Molto vivace; 4th Mov.: Allegro animato e grazioso— Allegro .... Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock.

11.00 Close Down.

GOVERNOR MOWED OWN LAWN

The Michigan Historical Commission has found the history of a chief executive so famous for his principles of economy that he mowed the lawn of the state capitol. He was Governor John S. Barry, a native of Amherst, Massachusetts, who served three terms from 1841 to 1845 and from 1850 to 1852.

NAVAL POLICY OF UNITED STATES

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (Domei). — The Foreign Policy Association report declared that creation of the two-ocean navy might justify the acquirement by the United States of naval footholds in the Eastern Atlantic and Singapore and Australia and over in West Africa.

The report stated that all-out United States aid to Britain was only a second type of action to prevent the Axis control of the high seas.

It is most important to extend "the bulwark of the outer naval defences" through the acquisition of bases, especially in the neighbourhood of Brazil.

Although the question of bases in the Azores, Cape Verde and Canary Islands and Singapore is controversial, the report goes on, "such moves could be justified."

Ship & Bombers To Britain

All-out aid to Britain may best be obtained by granting the United States destroyers, cruisers, submarine-chasers, patrol boats and patrol bombers. The report said that the United States is building the two-ocean Navy against the possibility of the British collapse or the destruction and capture of the British Navy.

Even should the Axis use all capital ships against the United States, authoritative computations indicate that the Axis is currently enjoying only the odds of five to three in battleships which are insufficient for a successful action against the Western Hemisphere since odds of three to one are believed necessary, the report said.

Monopoly of Building

The report urged investigation into naval construction costs, asserting that whereas the United States 35,000-ton ship is costing $70,000,000 to $100,000,000, the battleship King George's cost is estimated at $28,000,000.

"It has been charged, firstly, that through a quasi-monopoly, a few enterprises are able to control private naval construction and to raise prices; secondly, naval officials are showing insufficient concern for economy; thirdly, the practices in Government yards are inefficient although their cost is below private contractors," the report pointed out.

Suicide Was Sound Idea

"It was about the soundest thing he could have done."

Mr A. H. Emanuel, the Southampton coroner, said this in recording a verdict of suicide recently on George Edward Leach, 37-year-old ship steward, who was found gassed.

Leach, it was stated, had "suffered intolerable pain and mental agony."

He was knocked down by a bicycle when he was seven, and the injuries affected his brain.

In 1936 he had three operations.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday:

Buyers

Bank of East $70
Indo-Chinas (Pref) $80
Providents $4.60

Sellers

Trams $16
Ropes $6.60

Sales

H.K. Bank $1,315
Hotels $2.80
Marsmans Inv. H.K. $1.70

ABYSSINIA

Italian Counter Raid Repulsed

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—A communique states that in the Debub area of Abyssina, Indian troops occupied Emadani and Uethert on May 3. During the course of this operation, a heavy counter-attack by the enemy in greatly superior forces was driven back, leaving an officer and 250 other ranks prisoners in our hands.

"Yesterday further important positions were occupied and the advance upon Amba Alagi is steadily proceeding.

"A large number of enemy troops have surrendered. The number has not yet been counted.

"In the southern districts further progress is reported by all our columns operating in pursuit of the enemy."

Situation Looks Good

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—Reviewing the position in Abyssinia, the spokesman said that the British threat to Amba Alagi continued to make progress. Indian troops, mostly Wahlis, had been doing real mountaineering, dragging guns and supplies up the mountainside. The situation looked good.

Prisoners had been taken and a counter-attack had been defeated.

R.A.F. Pound The Enemy

Raids In Cirenaica And Abyssinia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communique states that over Cirenaica on the night of May 3-4, bombers raided the Benina aerodrome causing a number of fires and explosions. The Derna aerodrome was also bombed with similar results.

Enemy motor transport and mechanised units, some of which were carrying troops were bombed and machine-gunned in the Maraua area. A number of transport vehicles were destroyed and others damaged. Casualties were inflicted on the troops.

Other bombers attacked the military headquarters southeast of Tobruk causing four large fires.

Vigorous Attacks

The Italian headquarters in Abyssinia were machine-gunned by fighters of the South African Air Force and vigorous attacks were made on stores dumps, motor transport and troops throughout the day between Falaga Pass and the Dessie road.

It is estimated that over 100 motor transport vehicles were severely damaged.

The stores dumps were repeatedly hit by bombs.

Two aircraft are missing from all these operations.

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POST OFFICE

Air Mail Service by British Overseas Airways to places west of Karachi (India) is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th May ....May 14.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th May ....May 20.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Tuesday, May 6

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."

K.P.O.
Reg. ....May 6, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....May 6, 5.30 p.m.
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Friday, May 9

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O.
Reg. ....May 9, 4 p.m.
Ord. ....May 9, 4.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ....May 9, 4 p.m.
Ord. ....May 9, 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."

K.P.O.
Reg. ....May 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....May 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ....May 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....May 14, 7 p.m.

Baseball Programme Marred by Rain

NEW YORK, May 5 (UP).—To-day's Major Baseball programme was considerably upset by rain, four matches being postponed—three in the National League and one in the American.

Cleveland Indians nosed out Washington Senators 2-1, and Philadelphia Athletics beat Chicago White Sox 5-4.

Complete scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Washington	1	3	2
Battery: Chase, Ferrell.			
Cleveland	2	7	1
Battery: Feller, Hemsley.			
Philadelphia	5	10	1
Battery: McCrabb, Hayes.			
Chicago	4	12	2
Battery: Smith, Appleton, Tresh.			
New York	3	6	2
Battery: Gomez, Stanceau, Branch, Dickey.			
Detroit	7	6	1
Battery: Bridges, Tebbetts.			

The Boston-St Louis game was washed out by rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

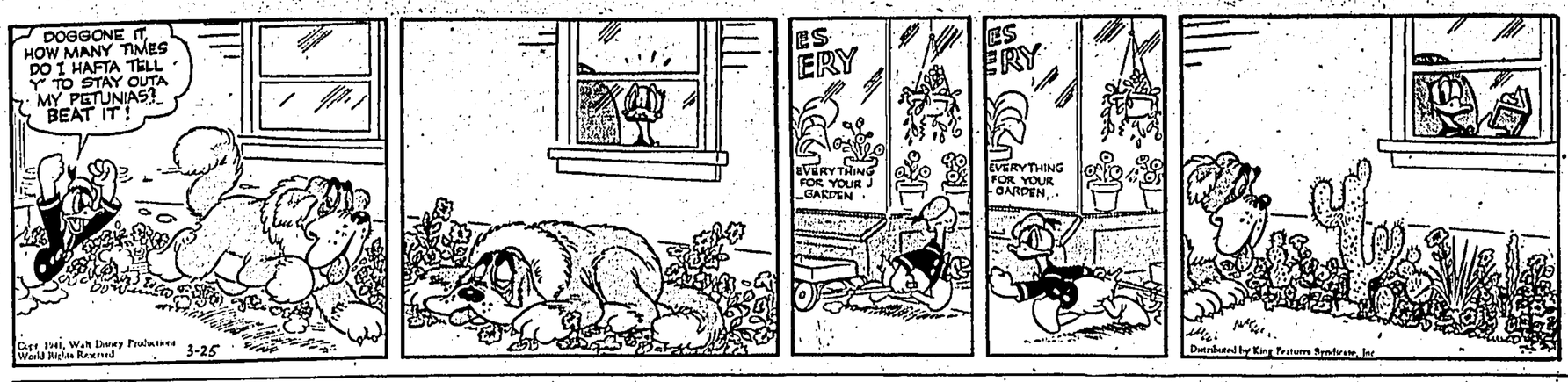
	R	H	E
St Louis	5	11	0
Battery: White, Mancuso.			
Boston	1	5	1
Battery: Errickson, Johnson, Berres, Masi.			

The Chicago-New York, Pittsburgh-Brooklyn and Cincinnati - Philadelphia games were washed out.

"PAT" McCORMICK LEAVES £6,500

The Rev. William Patrick Glyn McCormick, who was vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar-square, chaplain to the King, and well-known as a broadcast preacher, left £6,561. He bequeathed all his property to his widow.

DONALD DUCK — By Walt Disney



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GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Speak sarcastically
5—My lady
10—Part with unintentionally
14—Biblical name
15—By oneself
16—Boring tools
17—Separate
18—Mob disturbances
19—Low in grade
20—One who carves on surface
22—Heavy hammer
24—Expression of hearty assent
25—Town in North France
26—Pertaining to backbone
29—Makers of wills
33—Painful pressure
34—Mature
35—Retarding (musical abbr.)
36—Poker bet
37—Rants
38—Restaurant
39—Female deer
40—Cut
41—Give name to
42—Makes wealthy
44—Thin layer of covering wood
45—Former capital of Normandy
46—Leguminous plant
47—Photographer's instrument
50—Perceives through senses
54—Alumni (abbr.)
55—Graded
57—5,280 feet
58—Roll of names
59—Remove hair from
60—Wide-mouthed pot
61—Specially shaped hammer-head
62—Anxious
63—Tidy

DOWN

1—Open mouth wide
2—Russian name
3—Large floating ice cake
4—Door
5—Wonderful thing
6—Foreign
7—Entrance
8—Emmet
9—Communications
10—Express sorrow for
11—Was under obligation to
12—Volcanic scoria
13—Saxon serf
21—Indian wet-nurse
23—Permission to use
25—Sufferer from dread disease
26—Kind of shovel
27—Edible pine-seed
28—Put in prison
29—Continues in existence
30—Make oration
31—Form of gun
32—Young ox
34—Grow
37—Practice performance
38—Kind of spice
40—Mark left by wound
41—Afternoon gatherings
43—Deliverer of ice
44—Heller
46—Cow fattened for slaughter
47—Kind of fish
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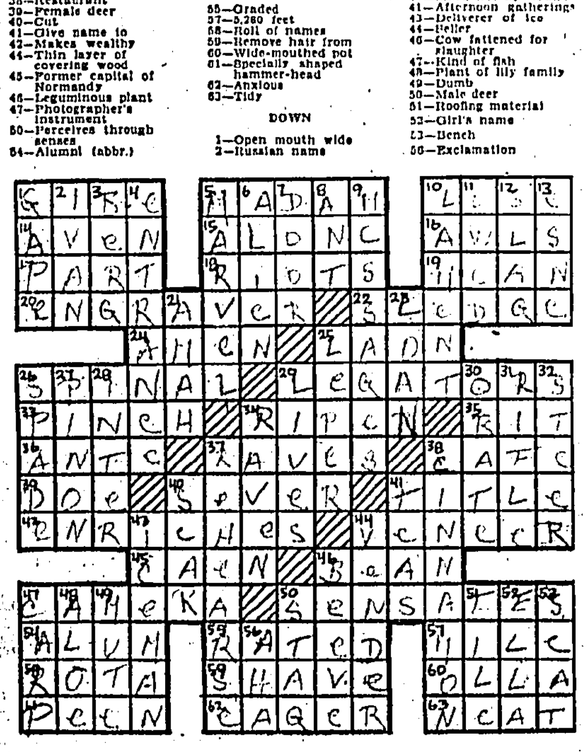

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The Epic of the "51st" In the Battle of France

By G. E. Ley Smith

In this stirring instalment of the Gordons' adventures in the Battle of France details of the fearless hand-to-hand fighting that characterised the Battle of the Grand Bois de Cambron on the morning of June 4, 1940, are told for the first time. It was not a hollow triumph. It proved that, man for man, our lads could out-soldier the enemy.

3. Germans Routed at Bayonet Point

Dark shadows were seen creeping back from the fringes of the Grand Bois de Cambron. They were the patrols coming back from their reconnaissance of the German positions. Nazi machine-gun posts guarded the outskirts of the wood.

It was nearly three o'clock on the morning of June 4, 1940. A ground mist was lifting and dawn stretching over the fields. From a dark silhouette the wood was beginning to shape in the growing light.

Among the corn and behind the hedgerows the Gordon Highlanders lay waiting for their first big-scale attack.

Their defence of the Maginot Line had accustomed them to shellfire. Now they were to dash into the teeth of a murderous fusillade of bullets. What lay in store for them? They wished each other "Good luck," gripped rifles, and waited.

Suddenly, the artillery barrage opened. Shells whistled overhead and crashed into the middle of the wood. In the words of one officer, the wood just leapt. Trees rose in the air. It was terrific. For a quarter of an hour shells exploded continuously in the German positions.

As suddenly as it had started, the barrage ceased. Even with the rattle of machine guns a hush seemed to settle down over the countryside after the deafening roar of the guns and the exploding shells.

Company and platoon commanders in the corn and under the hedges glanced at their watches—3.30, zero hour. The attack began. "C" Company advanced under the cover of shrubs as far as the wood, but "B" Company had to race across about fifty yards of open country.

Instantly, German machine guns started to rake the columns coming towards them. In the first moment in face of such fierce fire, the Gordons perceptibly braced themselves and charged.

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As "B" Company emerged from the cover of the hedgerows an unexpected enfilading fire came from machine guns in the clump of trees on the left of the wood which was believed to be clear of the enemy.

Major Douglas Gordon, who was leading his company across the open ground, stumbled and fell, mortally wounded.

Quickly realising the danger to "B" Company, Lt Rhodes immediately led his fighting patrol out from Cahou. Crossing the roadway, they soon surrounded the clump of trees and silenced the machine guns.

Charging with fixed bayonets, "C" Company carried the machine-gun posts on the outskirts of the wood. Now "B" Company surged forward and swept irresistibly in amongst the trees.

Through the wood the platoons had to fight their way yard by yard. It was like driving through a jungle, so thick was the undergrowth and so dark was it among the trees. They were also fighting with bayonets against Tommy guns.

German storm-troopers, picked men of the Nazi army, lay concealed in the shrubs, firing up at the Gordons as they approached. For this reason most of the casualties suffered from leg wounds.

All the paths had been marked by the Germans with white paper, but each track was covered by machine-gunners or infantrymen at a dozen places. Undismayed by the formidable nature of their task, the Gordons advanced steadily. Now and again a platoon would be held up by Tommy guns among the bushes. Warily they crept forward until close enough to drive out each post at the point of the bayonet.

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Where the Germans were too strongly dug in for the bayonet to dislodge them, a Bren was brought up and a hail of bullets poured into the position.

All the time the Gordons advanced through the wood, machine-gunners from the Kensingtons maintained a continuous cross-fire. Now and then the Gordons sent up white flares to reveal their position to the gunners.

In the densest parts it was impossible even to walk erect. It was necessary at times to crawl.

Emerging from a thick stretch of the wood, No. 13 Platoon came suddenly upon a small clearing. On the other side lay a squad of Germans, each armed with a Tommy gun. Without even the briefest hesitation the platoon charged across the gap against a murderous fusillade of bullets.

Six of them were hit almost as soon as they started to run, including Sergt Gerrie, but the remainder with tremendous courage dashed ahead and bayoneted every one of the Germans.

About eight o'clock, after four-and-a-half hours of fierce fighting, "C" Company reached the far end of the wood. Some time later "B" Company came up alongside. They had had the longer sweep through the wood to make. In the wake of the two companies lay a large number of German dead.

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From the wood beyond came intense machine-gun and trench mortar fire, causing a number of casualties among the Gordons.

Some of the Germans who had eluded the attackers among the bushes sniped at them from the rear. They were quickly tracked down. Some of them, realising the hopelessness of their positions, crept out and surrendered.

Three of them who gave themselves up played a mad trick upon their captors. It lent colour to the suggestion by one of the officers that many of the Germans were drugged.

When a section of Gordons took charge of them, one of the Germans slipped his water bottle from his equipment and let it drop. As it fell, the Germans dived to the ground. The water bottle was filled with explosive, and when it went off two of the Gordon Highlanders were killed.

The N.C.O. in charge immediately shot all three Germans. It was a stupid trick on the part of the Nazis, for it really meant that they were committing suicide.

Gradually all the platoon got into position on the far side of the wood. A German machine-gun was holding up the advance of the Black Watch. 2nd Lieut. Thom's platoon soon put the gun out of action.

Three Germans came out of the wood beyond with their hands above their heads and came straight over to the part of the wood held by Mr Thom's platoon. It was a miracle that they got across the open space without being hit.

They were made prisoner. When they were being marched away, however, a trench mortar shell exploded near them, Mr Thom was hit and his servant was killed. Four other men were wounded, including one of the Germans. The wounds were not serious.

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Before the attack it was believed that the Gordons would have to pay a heavy price to take the wood. But they outmanoeuvred the Germans so cleverly that their casualties were far fewer than was expected.

Elsewhere along the front the attack had failed. The French tanks and infantry were held up in the centre, and a withdrawal was ordered.

The Colonel made a tour of the new positions and gave a word of congratulation to the men. Some hours later, however, he had to order them to retire from the wood they had so gallantly won. So at six o'clock in the evening, to their disappointment, they started back along the paths over which they had fought in the morning, machine-gunners from the Kensingtons taking over the defence of the wood until the Gordons got clear.

They went back to the neighbourhood of the village of Manering, where they stayed during the night. "A" Company had withdrawn to the left of the line, with "B" and "D" on their right. "C" was in reserve in the village.

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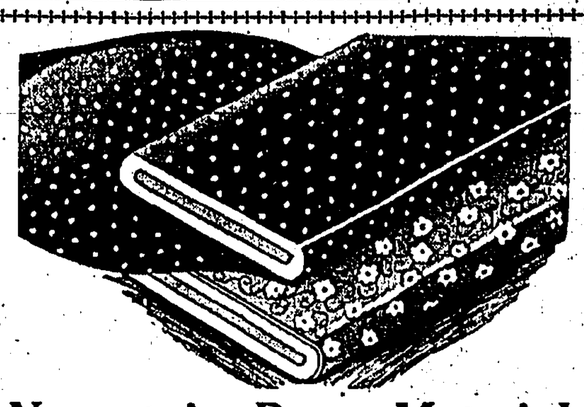

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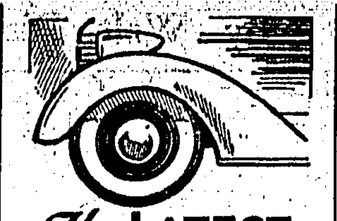

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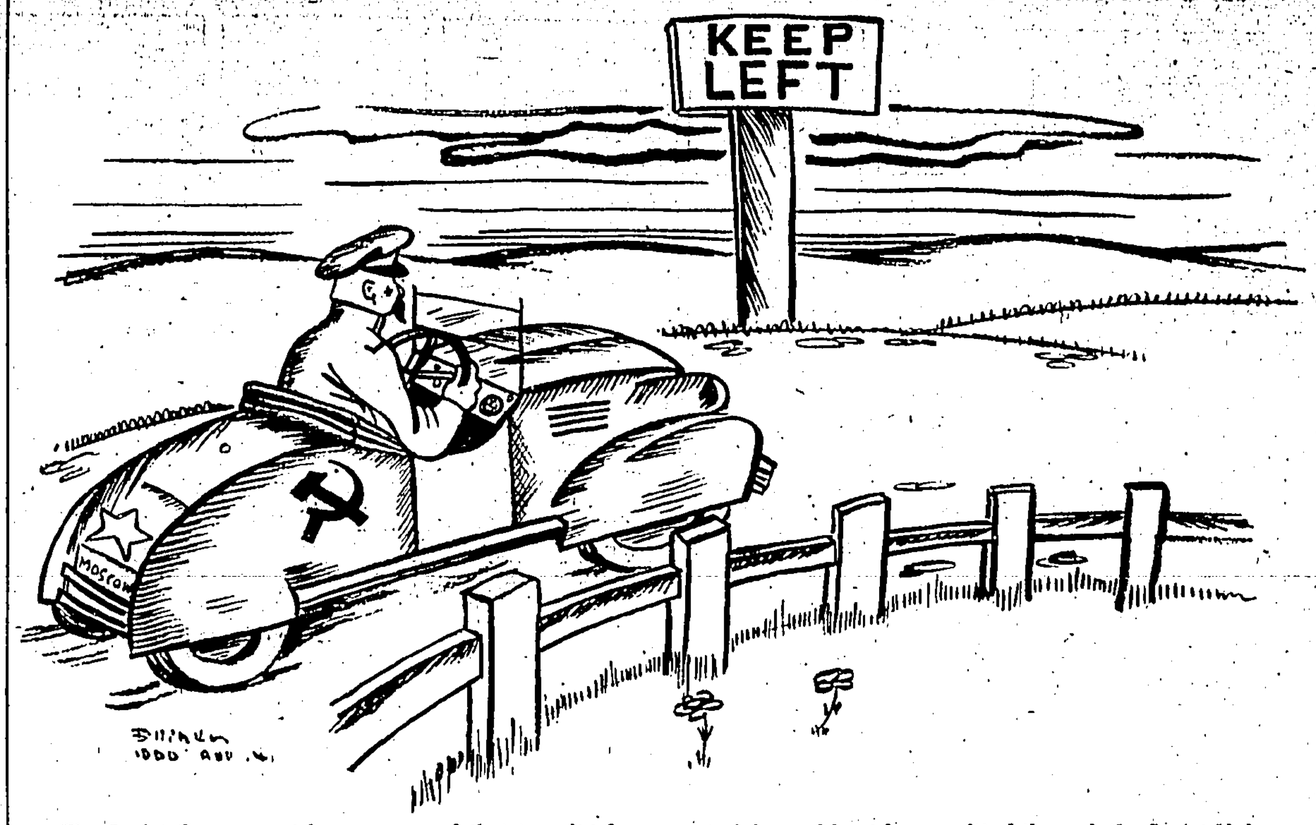

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RICE MONOPOLY

THE joint decision of the Hongkong Government and the Shanghai Municipal Council to achieve a monopoly of rice imports and exports in their respective ports is drastic, but will be generally applauded. Wholesale merchants have been given plenty of opportunity of conforming to regulations and thereby retaining their business; but because of their greed and unscrupulous behaviour some have forfeited the confidence of both Government and public alike.

The suppression of legitimate private enterprise has never been the policy of the Colony's authorities; if anything the tendency has been to pander to these interests without inquiring too closely into the manner in which the public either benefits or suffers. In the case of the wholesale rice dealers, however, it is clear that the time has come when strong-arm action is necessary. All sections of the community are being victimised, although the under-privileged Chinese classes are made to suffer the keenest because rice is their staple food. This paper wholeheartedly supports Government's corrective action, at the same time insisting that vigorous measures must, if necessary, be applied to ensure that the desired results of the monopolistic scheme are achieved.

Latest official statements indicate that Government will sell to retailers at the lowest prices possible, thus helping to bring the different grades of rice within the purses of all. This is not the whole of the problem. Allegations have been frequently made of late that dealers are mixing the grades, attempting to sell the lower grades when the best type of rice has been requested, and generally speaking to exact the utmost profit from purchasers who find themselves helpless to obtain redress or satisfaction.

If this sort of thing continues after the inception of the official monopoly scheme, the next step must be to set up Government distributing centres where customers can be sure that they are not being exploited. Retail rice merchants would be well advised to heed the warning contained in the Government's action against the wholesalers; they may rest assured that they will be permitted a fair profit under the official monopoly, but any abuse of their privileges must be expected to reap a just reward—the forfeiture of their businesses.

The public on their part have something to contribute to the successful functioning of the new scheme. They are asked to accommodate themselves to the softer and less popular Burma rice; this is necessary because of a fairly acute shortage of rice from Thailand and Indo-China and of the uncertainty of being able to secure regular rice supplies from other sources. The Chinese will not welcome this, for there has long been an antipathy towards the Burma product, but exceptional circumstances govern the rice situation, and unless there is a willingness to be adaptable, the time may come when the public will be confronted with the alternative of consuming the Burma rice or starve.

NORAH WHITESTONE,

1940 Hongkong Evacuee, writes from Australia on

Broken Friendships, Rotten Housing, Empty Hours

NOW THAT UNRELIABLE FIRST IMPRESSIONS have given place to less hasty and more measured judgment; now that the initial exhilarating thrills have merged into the rhythm of the work-a-day world—how are our evacuees in their sixth or seventh month of exile coping with the situation?

And "exile" is still, I fear, with almost universal assent, the well-chosen word.

Though the sustaining hope that to-morrow, next week, next month, would bring at least some hint, some eagerly clutched and nourished rumour of speedy return to home and kindred has perforce given place to a sighing, reluctant resignation, any definite signs of our merging painlessly into the life of our temporary domicile are difficult of perception.

The prevalent "matyness" of the Australians has, obviously, not infected us. More than one friendship of long standing has crashed; others exist only at the peril of the next sharp word, the next slight misunderstanding. Mrs S.... will now pass her close companion in Hongkong, Miss T...., on George Street with a brief refrigerating nod, or, if feeling unusually amiable, she may stop and utter a few equivocal remarks—merely hastening the disruption of diplomatic relations.

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But I, personally, have met with a vast amount of unselfish kindliness and interest, both on the part of established Hongkong friends and from those hitherto unknown to me. And, generally speaking, when sickness, sorrow or other affliction rears its ugly head amongst us, the community rallies with enthusiastic selflessness. We are, really, perhaps not so feline as my opening paragraph might suggest.

Widely scattered are we in the seemingly interminable and not too inspiriting suburbs. No club or community binds us together. The idea of a monthly tea party for Hongkongites in Sydney succumbed, apparently of inanition. Transport is expensive and usually a dreary experience (always excepting the lovely ferry trips of Sydney), the suburbs a sprawling, difficult-to-get-at expanse, and meetings therefore difficult.

An undeniable cause of our devastating ennui is the lack of occupation. Some of the younger members have engaged in office work, and one Gap Roader is radiating happiness as the valued assistant to the premiere costumiere, but, taking things by and large, our hosts do not appear too eager to include us in their payrolls. And no breathless anxiety is evident of any fervent wish to rope us in for voluntary war work. It is not suggested, however, that we evacuees would not be as welcome as the native-born product. But never have I encountered such a congregation of the female sex, and they for the most part elderly, and often infirm.

A suggestion was hazarded by some committee or other that we should engage in domestic work (I can imagine the sly, quiet smiles of Amah and Cookie) but, even assuming the will upon our part, domestic conditions in this country are so unfamiliar as to render our value in this sphere problematical. One enterprising would-be pioneer was asked if she could milk!

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THE COMFORT AND SUITABILITY OF ACCOMMODATION varies from near zenith to nadir. Most fortunate are those who have secured small houses or flats. Some of the former are charming, modern both in construction and appointments, with smooth lawns and peaches, plums and lemons in the well-kept gardens. These favoured of fortune have the inestimable privilege of being obliged to work—not just doing something when they feel like it. But rank and file must sustain life unenthusiastically in "guest" houses or in mongrel habitations termed "Residentials," where accommodation usually consists of a ghastly arrangement of a bedroom with gas-ring and cooking utensils lurking with false modesty behind a screen. The furnishings and appointments of these habitations are usually incredibly ancient, soiled and dispiriting.

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A NOVEL FEATURE —at least to me— is the laundry, which is attached almost universally to the kitchen premises, to which each female inhabitant repairs for the washing, not merely of the silken hose which they have always done themselves, but of all personal garments. We are learning quite a lot, and may be able to give Amah points in the near distant (it is trusted) future.

Since landing in Melbourne in August, 1940, I have lived, in not less than seven abodes (including two hospitals) and of that number only one could be said to be by any means a tolerable substitute for home. This shining exception is presided over by Jews.

Though geographically lovely, Sydney seems somewhat too "tough" for some tastes. The attitude seems to be that each and every individual is an incipient criminal or, at the best—or worst, a potential breaker of the laws, merely awaiting a convenient opportunity for the exercise of innate nefarious proclivities. And so, this fresh and sparkling March morning, I write under the willows and gums of lovely Old Cremorne, upon an ancient stone table thoughtfully placed by the City Fathers to gain a poignantly beautiful view of the glittering bay beneath. And to-night, I renounce the glories of nature and flee the discomforts of the "guest" house for the dismal plains, the inky seas and blasting winds of Melbourne—but also, I know, to the kindly welcome of the sympathetic and understanding Jews. Perhaps long centuries of oppression have instilled into their blood tolerance, friendliness and comprehension of the feelings of roaming exiles of other nations.

A surprising feature of all terrains is the comparative absence of bird life, even in well-wooded districts, and of song birds there is practically no sign. Never a hint of the exhilarating dawn chorus which, to many of us, is one of the most cherished memories of our home-land! Possibly Australians, like Italians—pardon the comparison!—believe that a mellifluous voice is usually accompanied by peculiarly edible qualities, and that the proper sphere of lark and thrush is under the pie-crust! Their favourite is a gloomy-feathered little chap called the Kookaburra (Laughing Jackass, I believe) whose insane, rollicking cackle recalls past memory of Hanwell Lunatic Asylum. My role was that of visitor, by the way!

Hopes Are Rising In France

Reports derived from Paris directly indicate that, though the material position in Occupied France is steadily deteriorating, the spirit of the people has become much more hopeful.

Resistance to the idea of collaboration with Germany is now complete except for a mere handful of traitors utilised by the Germans.

This attitude has developed despite the fact that the German-controlled Press and radio are extremely active in Paris. Two lines of propaganda are being especially followed.

One is that the new Rassemblement National Populaire will eventually become the Government of France, presumably with M. Laval at its head. The other is that French prisoners in German hands will be released as soon as "real collaboration" is established.

"Everybody Indifferent"

A person who was in Paris very recently said that the question whether France was to be regarded as a Republic or a "State" left everybody indifferent. Asked whether there was much feeling against Jews and Freemasons, he said the two were somewhat confused in the public mind.

There existed a fairly strong prejudice against Jewish influence without, however, support being given to harsh legislation. The Nazi doctrine of "racial purity" was rejected entirely.

Vichy On Fuehrer's Speech

Importance Of Time

VICHY, May 5 (Reuter).—By dint of dating its observations on Hitler's speech from Berne, the Vichy news agency contrives to comment comparatively freely upon it.

The agency quotes the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Bund," as attributing great importance to Hitler's exhortation to the German people to increase the national effort in war production.

The correspondent continues: "Hitler is doubtless aware that American aid constitutes an important element in the British resistance. Consequently he considers that an increase in armaments production is indispensable. There is reason to believe that compulsory national labour service in the Reich will shortly be applied to all women and girls not employed in agriculture and war industries.

Extreme Efforts

"Germany wants to push her efforts to the extreme to prevent the time factor coming into play. Hitler thinks, perhaps not without reason, that a final increase in the national labour effort is still possible."

The correspondent, states the Vichy agency, concludes by remarking that the speech gave it to be understood that Hitler considers the task of wiping out Britain, notwithstanding American aid, as a very risky undertaking but that now he has to go through with it to the end.

Disappointed Germans

ZURICH, May 5 (Reuter).—First comments on Hitler's speech to appear in the Swiss press to-day stress the fact that he disappointed his audience through his inability to repeat the promise that the war would be finished this year.

Swedish Reaction

STOCKHOLM, May 5 (Reuter).—Hitler's omission of any reference to Germany's relations with the United States in Sunday's speech, says the newspaper "Aftonbladet," probably means that the atmosphere is too changed to allow utterance regarding German plans. A declaration by Hitler regarding the consequences of the Roosevelt policy had been expected, but "Berlin obviously prefers to continue to await the result of the internal trial of strength in the United States."

LETTERS

Night Soil Coolies' Demonstration

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—While sympathising with the night soil coolies who have found themselves thrown out of employment as a result of Government taking over the removal of night soil, it is nevertheless felt that the mass demonstration outside Government House yesterday morning was entirely uncalled for and deserving of the strongest condemnation, particularly at a time like the present, when nothing should be done which is likely to cause Government any embarrassment.

The Police Authorities are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which they handled the situation, and it speaks well for them that they were able to persuade the demonstrators to disperse before any untoward incident occurred.

It is considered that the Honourable Chinese Representatives are not altogether blameless in the matter of the mass demonstrations which have been held by night soil coolies during the past few days. If it is true that the Honourable Chinese Representatives knew all along that there would be trouble as a result of Government taking over the removal of night soil, I believe that it is pertinent for one to ask what action the Honourable Chinese Representatives took to prevent such trouble actually occurring. If no action was taken, why not? Furthermore, as it was known on Saturday that the night soil coolies intended marching to Government House on Monday, what action did the Honourable Chinese Representatives take over the week-end to persuade the night soil coolies to abandon their plan while they, the Honourable Chinese Representatives, considered what steps should be taken in the matter? If no action was taken, why not? A full explanation by the Honourable Chinese Representatives is desirable.

Y. K. CHAN.

REGISTRATION—Mapping plans in Washington for national registration of workers are William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman of the Office of Production Management, and Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator. Every unemployed worker available for work or training in defence jobs has been urged to register.

Soviet Admit Failings In Five-Year Plan

Shortcomings in the working of Soviet industry and transport were acknowledged by M. Malenkoff, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R., at the 18th All-Union Party Conference. While pointing out that the Communist party had created an independent national industry so as not to be dependent on capitalist economy, he admitted that "big errors" had been committed.

M. Stalin, who is the general secretary of the party; M. Molotoff, the Soviet Prime Minister, and Marshal Voroshiloff, a vice-chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, were among those elected to the presidium by acclamation.

M. Malenkoff, who, as secretary, is in charge of the party "cadres" section, at the outset of his speech said that he was going to speak chiefly of the faults of national industry, but "this does not mean that we have had no successes."

Vast capital had been invested in the past two years and the party had created an independent industry in the U.S.S.R., closing all cracks by which capitalism might slip in.

Less Than 1939

Some commissariats had produced not only less than the plan in 1940 but less than 1939. Electrical industry had had too many breakdowns; railways and shipping, both sea and river, had not fulfilled goods transport plans for oil, coal, breadstuffs, &c.; passenger trains had been overdue.

The causes, he went on, were bureaucratism in the commissariats, which did not exercise effective control, not visiting factories to see whether orders were really carried out and taking the reports of managers on trust.

Among the remedies M. Malenkoff mentioned were the proper check-up and use of all equipment and raw material. More care must be taken of national property like machinery. There had to be greater cleanliness, because dirt meant defective machinery and reduced output.

Capt. Roosevelt In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, May 5 (Reuter).—Captain James Roosevelt, eldest son of the American President, arrived here this afternoon.

He told "Reuter" that the "morale of the Chinese is excellent. They are determined to carry on to victory."

During his four-day stay in Chungking, he met the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

Stopping at Cairo

Captain Roosevelt stated that when he reaches Cairo, he and Major Thomas will receive instructions from Washington concerning their future programme.

Captain Roosevelt stated that China throughout had been receiving American supplies which would be increased in the near future.

Yugo-Slav Ships Held

Latest U. S. Action

NEW YORK, May 5 (Reuter).—United States Coast Guard authorities announced to-day that Coast Guardsmen have boarded Yugo-Slav ships as a precautionary measure at Brooklyn, New York, but declared that the ships had not been "seized."

This announcement followed a report in the New York "Journal-American" that the Yugo-Slav ships, Sereca, Nepi and President Kpajpic have been taken over.

Coast Guardsmen said: "When the Coast Guard receives certain rumours, we take certain action."

The "Journal-American" reported that the President Kpajpic had attempted to flee but was captured off Staten Island at the entrance of New York harbour.

Allegiance Test

Coast Guard Headquarters stated that it understood the reason for the move was to determine whether the officers and crews of the vessels were loyal to King Peter or to the new government established in Yugo-Slavia.

Inspection of the ships is believed to have established that they are loyal to King Peter and Britain and no further action is being taken although a close watch will be kept on the ships.

There are 17 Yugo-Slav ships in United States ports at present.

Aussies Again Target Of Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—Twice to-day the Berlin radio broadcast a story that Australian troops at Singapore have refused to go to Egypt.

The authority given for the statement is Admiral Luetzow addressing the Court of Naval Strategy.

Australian authorities in London dismiss the statement as fantastic, fortified by the knowledge that the Australians at Singapore are trying to get to Egypt to have a "go" at the enemy.

CANADIANS IN WAR DEBATE

Judicious Spending

OTTAWA, May 5 (Reuter).—Expressing confidence in the people to face the sacrifices imposed by the new taxes, the Opposition Leader of the Canadian House of Commons, Mr R. B. Hanson, opened by the Budget Debate, and warned the Government that there was widespread dissatisfaction over the manner in which the money was being spent.

Peacetime expenditure must be cut to the bone, he said. He was equally confident that the Canadians demand was for the same high and inspiring leadership which Mr Churchill was giving Britain and which President Roosevelt was giving the United States, lighting the way and guiding the people along the path to ultimate victory.

Wallop To Enemy

TORONTO, May 5 (Reuter).—The fight for freedom will be won "because Canada as well as Britain and all those associated with her will stop at nothing that can effectively be done to ensure the overthrow of Nazism" declared the Minister of Defence, Colonel Ralston in a speech here to-day.

He believed that the events of the past week—steps by the United States for increased aid to Britain—had given the enemy a "mighty wallop."

Reviewing the growth of Canada's armed forces, Col Ralston said that the Navy had now 180 ships compared with 15 before the war, while the Canadian Royal Air Force had grown in strength to 50,000 men.

Diplomatic Refugees

MADRID, May 5 (Reuter).—Altogether 167 Yugo-Slav diplomats and Consular Staff, formerly in Italy, have arrived at the port of Bou on the Franco-Spanish frontier in a special train which will continue to Madrid this evening.

It is understood that they will remain in Madrid a few days and will then proceed to Lisbon with the intention of going to the United States.

Governor Of Burma In Hongkong

Commander the Hon. Sir Archibald Cochrane, Governor of Burma, and the Hon. Lady Cochrane, have arrived in the Colony from Rangoon. They are staying at Government House as guests of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote.

RECORD S'HAI DIVIDEND OF $1,441.60 FOR $5

SHANGHAI, May 5 (UP).—Rushing into the lead on the bend and leading throughout along the straight, T. Y. Woo booted Mr C. Mao's Merry Sportsman to victory in the Sub Griffins' Derby at the second day of the Shanghai Race Club's spring meeting to-day to reward punters with $1,441.60 for a $5 ticket.

Dunhuang, with A. V. Striker up, was second a length and a half away with Great Victory (Y. S. Chang) a neck behind third. The time was 3.17.

Only 29 win tickets were taken out on Merry Sportsman, the owner having 10. Place dividends were $193.60, $1040, $20.40.

The dividend is a record for the Sub Griffins Derby and the biggest this year.

Japanese Economic Control

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 5 (Domei).—Reinforcement of Government responsibility for the price control policy and closer co-operation of civilian experts will form the keynote of the proposed reform of the Price Control Commission.

According to the reform plan which will be formally decided upon by the Cabinet Council on Friday, the Commission will be headed by the Premier, Prince Konoye, as the Chairman, while Mr Masatsune Ogura, Minister without Portfolio, and Lieut-General Teiichi Suzuki, Governor of the Planning Board, will become Vice-Chairmen.

Government will undertake formulation of the policy for controlling commodity prices and in determining the policy all important factors in resources, mobilisation and wartime economy such as materials, funds, labour and transport, will be taken into consideration.

In order to forestall dogmatic errors by the Government, the knowledge, wisdom and experiences of civilian experts will be used.

Buying Up Cereal Crops

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 5 (Domei).—Tightening State control of cereals, the Government has decided to buy up all wheat, barley, oats and rye from farmers.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry will shortly promulgate revised regulations concerning the control of these cereals. The Ministry enforced the regulations for the control of distribution of cereals in June, last year, while the regulations for the controls of distribution of wheat were enforced in July, last year.

Control of barley, ryes and oats has hitherto been carried out through the Industrial Union. The projected control scheme, however, is designed to exercise a unified and more effective control of all these cereals through the Government agency so as to insure the supply of food resources in the time of war.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR POLES

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—A message expressing confidence in the final triumph of the democracies has been sent by President Roosevelt to the President of Poland, M. Raczkiewicz, on the occasion of Polish National Day and the 150th anniversary of the Polish Constitution.

President Roosevelt assured Poland of "our unfailing friendship and understanding and our confidence in the final triumph of the forces of the democracies."

STOCK EXCHANGE

Business Is Dull

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quietly firm.

Gilt-edged, home rails and a few leading industrials maintained early small advances but business failed to develop apart from some professional support for home rails.

Oils were dull, Kaffirs were irregular and foreign bonds were inclined to be easy.

Wall Street was quietly steady.

Hollanders Keep Up War Spirit

BATAVIA, May 5 (Reuter).—With the objective of Prince Bernhard's Amalgamated Dutch East Indies' Spitfire Fund in sight, ensuring the purchase of a "Rotterdam Bomber Squadron" to avenge the city's destruction, efforts are now being made to raise money to purchase a number of motor torpedo boats for the Royal Dutch Navy to assist the struggle at sea.

Visiting Australasia

BATAVIA, May 5 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr E. N. van Kleffens, and Dr I. J. M. Welter, Minister for the Colonies, have arranged to visit Australia on May 12.

They will then go to New Zealand, from where they will proceed to San Francisco by air.

Queen Wilhelmina

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Queen of the Netherlands will be broadcasting in the Radio Orange programme at 6.45 p.m. G.M.T. in the evening transmission of the B.B.C.'s European service on Saturday, May 10.

Disillusionment For Croats

SOMEWHERE IN MIDDLE EAST, May 5 (Reuter).—Information reaching authoritative Yugo-Slav circles here declares that considerable dissatisfaction is rife among Croat supporters of Hitler's "New Order" in view of the action of Italy and Hungary in seizing large slices of Croatia although the whole territory had been promised as an independent republic.

London Bureau

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Royal Yugo-Slav Government have formed a joint Press Bureau with Serb, Croat and Slovene personnel as part of the organisation creating conformity in the determination to wage a united struggle against the Axis.

Food For France From United States

VICHY, May 5 (Reuter).—Two French freighters, Ile de Re and Leopold, laden with 14,000 tons of American flour, have arrived at Marseilles from the United States, says the Vichy news agency.

The gift will enable free rations to be distributed on three Sundays with the active help of the general delegate from the Red Cross in Europe, Mr Allen, the agency adds.

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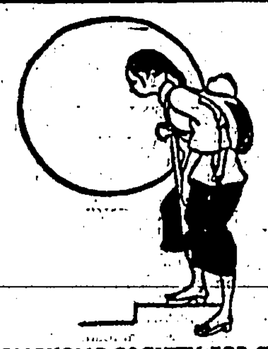

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Warned Against Good Women

Australian Air Force trainees are warned against the influence "not of bad women, but of good women with whom you might fall in love."

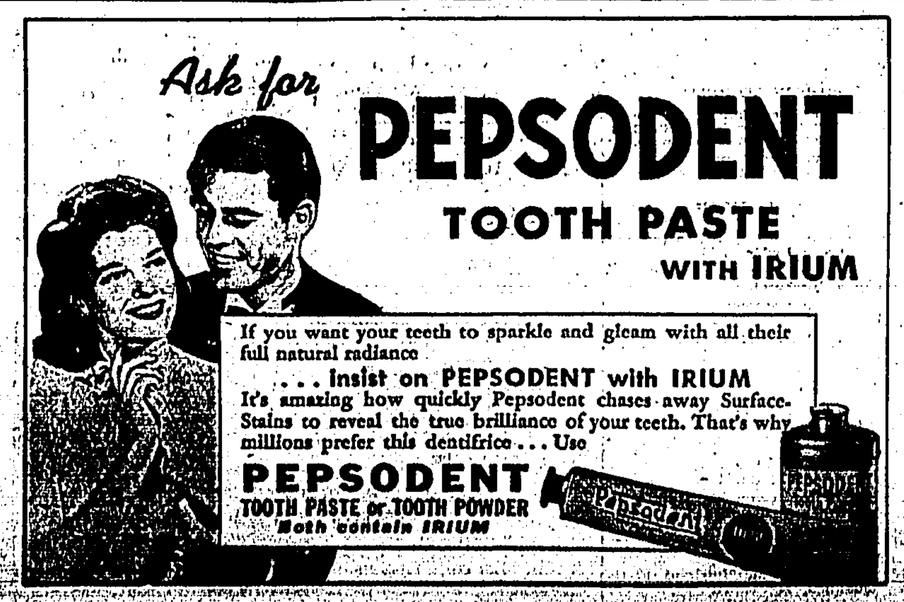
A circular gives the name of a trainee who has been discharged from the R.A.A.F. on an instructor's report that he was "afraid to fly for sentimental reasons."

It was stated that the trainee had been influenced by his sweetheart.

Only a tiny minority of trainees have caused the Air Board concern.

One applicant was cautioned about his position as married man, and he was admitted when he said his wife was more enthusiastic about flying than he was.

But after £300 had been spent on training him he became disinterested, and eventually admitted that his wife had decided that flying was too risky for him.



Forum's Final Softball Victory Of 1940/41

Rookie College Girls Team Register First Win

Sappers' Season Opens Well

(By "Ball Fan")

Sweeping along on high, in unison with the well-known jinx, the Maple Leaf Canadian Chinese kept closely in line with the "downward dive", as they lost a heart-breaking ball game, 3-2, to A. R. Kitchell's pep-playing English Forumers.

The Truelight Girls' School's new born softball team came through with their initial win over the weekend, soaring through on an 11-2 triumph over Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa Maroonettes in a featured melee at the Stubbs Road ball stadium.

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GASHOUSE Oliver's Royal Canadian baseballers took another nose-dive in their spring training confabs, as they dished up some real screwy ball in a pinch-scoring game against the Royal Engineers at the Caroline Hill sand park.

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THE English public restortists snatched the winning tally in the final stanza of this "classic with tradition" when hurler Bill Kwan, running for pinch-hitter S. S. Chung who had singled to centre, raced home with the winning labelled run on a passed ball.

For five forlorn innings the Canadian Chinese held a two run lead with a solitary marker in the 3rd frame on a torrid double by sacker Youngie Lee, which swept G. G. Lee across the platter, and a 5th stanza "last hope" tally on successive bingles by Bill Ing, G. G. Lee and Ross Mark.

The winner's two gifted runs in the 6th frame, which sent A. R. Kitchell and Cecil Winglee whizzing acrossing the rubber pan with the tying tallies, started the listless Canucks on their journey "down behind the eight ball way." The highly favoured Maple Leafs played "kibitzing" ball throughout the entire seven innings and were taken for a heap long ride by an inspired Forum nine.

Winning hurler Bill Kwan threw a steady game to hold the North Americans to four scattered blows, and was backed by a highly consistent infield and sure fingered outfielders.

Youngie Lee's double to centre in the 3rd canto was the only extra base clout of the fray which featured two weak willowed ball teams in real feeble hitting form.

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THE rookie Truelighters from Pak Ho Tung bunched nine solid blows to flash in on a "debut" win over the Chinese Maroons, with eleven tallies crossing the old platter. Led by the prodigious clouting of hindsnatcher Margery Woo and Lai Bik-wong, who both smashed out crushing home runs, the youthful scholars took the lead with single tallies in the 2nd and 3rd stanzas, adding three more markers in the next frame on successive singles by Ellen Ling, Tam Sau-chik and outfielder Ho Yit-lin.

The Chung Hwa lassies broke into the scoring in their half of the 4th with a circuit clout to deep left by newcomer Y. Poon whose starry display at the hot corner with six assists marked her as a real Maroon threat for next season's campaign.

Crossing the platter with another winner in the 5th, the fighting school girls climaxed a successful afternoon with a five run scoring outburst in the final canto as shortstop Rosie Lau opened up with a single to left, advancing to second on keystoner Jenny Wong's perfect bunt down the third base line. Slugger Margery Woo brought in her two mates with a clean double to right, stole third and came home on a passed ball. The scoring spree ended after Ellen Ling and Lai Bik-wong scampered across the platter with two more runs.

Chung Hwa Maroons fielded four new players in first sacker Y. S. Nye, third base star Y. Poon, and outfielders Sylvia Tsang and Becky Chan; each showed snappy ball playing ability, and softball fans should find a real powerful Chinese Maroon team out there next season which will be right up there by the top with the contending outfits.

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GAS Oliver's Royal Canadian baseballers took a 5-3 shellacking from the Royal Engineers for their third straight spring session loss at the Caroline Hill sandlot.

Canuck hurler Bill "dazzler" Smith had the sappers cooling the water waggon with his high inside and handsome speedballs, but "Nick Altrock" base-running by his sandlot teammates put the old loss sign on a flashy mound performance.

The well-known "dazzler" allowed two measly bingles and struck out four, but climaxed a sweat-toiling day with a wrenched knee cap in the last frame on an intended swipe to second, and will probably be on the shelf for the next games.

Weekend Stars

Margery Woo and Lai Bik-wong, Truelight—Margery led a determined school girl attack, slashing out a terrific homerun and a sizzling double to drive in four runs; latter limited the Chinese Maroons to four soft bingles in her second softball mound performance.

Fang Kwong and A. R. Kitchell, English Forum—Former made two bingles to pace the winners' willow-wielding brigade; latter played sparkling ball at the windy alley and came in with the first Forum tally in the 6th stanza.

Taylor and Mickey Heath, Royal Engineers—Former sparked a wobbly Sapper infield in brilliant fashion, accepting six chances without a miscue; latter came in with the winning run in the 3rd to set the Maple Leafs out with three losses in a row.

Determination in every line . . . . . Bill Woo (Canucks) belting a big 'un to centre field in the match against the Forum on Sunday. Hal Winglee is behind the mask with Delgado umpiring.—*Ming Yuen.*

Major League Baseball Averages

NEW YORK, May 5 (UP).—Averages in the American Major Baseball Leagues, to date are as follows:

BATTING

American League.—Travis .521; Heath .417; Don DiMaggio .400; Croucher .405; Trosky .387.

National League.—Lavagetto .403; Jurges .393; Etten and Slaughter .385; Handley .368.

HOME RUNS

Camilli 7, McCormick, Nicholson, Joe DiMaggio, Ott and York 5.

RUNS SCORED

Joe DiMaggio 22, Lavagetto 18, Camilli 17, Dom DiMaggio 16, Croucher 16.

RUNS BATTED IN

Keller 23, Doerr 22, Joe DiMaggio, Gordon and Camilli 20.

HITS

Lavagetto 29, Dom DiMaggio 26, Joe DiMaggio, Gordon, Slaughter, Travis and Etten 25.

PITCHING

American.—Bonham and Sundra won 3 lost nil; Johnson and Harder won 2 lost nil.

National.—Casey and Hamlin won 4 lost nil; Warneke, Cooper and Lanier won 2 lost nil.

B.O'M. Deane And Miss J. Smalley Win Club Mixed Doubles

FIRST of the Hongkong C.C. tennis championships was decided at the Club ground yesterday when B. O'M. Deane and Miss J. Smalley (-3/6) beat J. S. Theobald and Mrs Torrible (-15) in the final of the Handicap Mixed Doubles. The score was 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Though errors predominated, the match was nevertheless interesting in that the sides were fairly evenly matched. Deane displayed a great amount of energy and with a reliable volley scored many times at the net.

Miss Smalley contributed her quota of support, exploiting a steady, and at times strong, forehand. It was only in the second and third sets, however, that they were able to strike up any sort of combination for Theobald and Mrs Torrible took the first set in a manner that stamped them as the probable eventual winners.

Theobald had a strong service, and made good use of it. He was somewhat weak overhead, but reliable in his ground strokes. In his partner, Mrs Torrible, he was given a steady service, and this, against the opposition in the first set, meant several points.

Tactics Revised

THE SECOND SET saw a revision of tactics on the part of Deane and Miss Smalley. They adopted a more aggressive style and it succeeded in carrying them through. They took a 5-2 lead, and though Theobald and Mrs Torrible took the next, the eventual winners claimed the 9th game for the set at 6-3.

The final set opened in promising style. The score was 2-all at the end of the 4th game, but Deane and Miss Smalley broke through the opposing service and once more took a 5-2 lead.

Again they lost the 8th game, but made no mistake with the next and won the set and match at 6-3.

King Gains Second Turf Victory

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King gained his second turf victory of the season to-day when his Classic's candidate, Merry Wanderer, won the May Handicap at Nottingham amid great enthusiasm.

Merry Wanderer started at odds 10-1, and ridden by Peter Maher, on leave from the Air Force, beat the Duke of Norfolk's 25-1 outsider, Clean Sweep, by eight lengths, with the 3-1 favourite, Salmoneus, owned by the Queen's cousin, the Hon. Mr J. Bowes-Lyon, third.

Rifle Shooting

Results Of Final Meet Held On Sunday

The Rifle Association wound up their season's shooting on Sunday with a shoot in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. Fine weather brought a large number of competitors to the Range for one of the season's most enjoyable shoots, and made for a high standard of shooting.

Spoons and cups were presented for competition by the Affiliated Clubs, and the amount raised was $70.

Mr Guard of the Dockyard Rifle Club headed the shooting with a good 87, beating Sgt Cole, with the same score, on the count out. The latter's 44 at 200 yards is worthy of note. Sgt Wall's 46 was the best score at 500 yards.

A prominent feature of the day's programme was the Miniature Rifle shooting, run by the R.A.F., which presented a number of spoons for which there was keen competition.

The .303 Team Shoot was won by the Hongkong Police, with the Volunteers second. Sgt Buran Singh carried off the Revolver trophy.

RESULTS

Leading scores and prize lists were as follow:

CLASS "A"

H'cap.	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tl.
J. A. Guard 3	42	45	87
Sgt F. Cole Scr.	44	43	87
Cpl S. Naranjan Singh 3	43	42	85
Sgt J. R. Wall Scr.	38	46	84
W.O. F. Tollison Scr.	39	45	84
Sgt N. L. Pan 3	42	42	84
R.Q.M.S. F. Hale Scr.	43	41	84
Sgt F. E. Russell Scr.	38	45	83
Sgt G. E. Breese Scr.	38	45	83
Havildar Bisram Singh Nil	39	44	83
Cpl W. J. Gash Scr.	41	42	83
C.H.M. Nau Ku Nil	42	41	83
L/Cpl G. Pemberton Scr.	38	44	82
Lieut G. J. P. Carey Scr.	40	42	82
Sgt T. Baker 3	40	42	82
Sgt M. F. Rushman Scr.	41	41	82
Cpl F. W. Ewens Scr.	40	41	81
L/Naik Azim Khan Nil	41	40	81
Pte W. Young Nil	42	39	81
N. V. Whyte 2	42	39	81
L/Sgt G. Puran Singh 2	43	38	81
L/Sgt W. R. Nunn Scr.	38	42	80
Cpl R. Langford Scr.	38	42	80

CLASS "B"

L/Sgt J. D. Remedios 5	41	42	83
A.S.I. (R) P. H. Thong 4	40	43	83
Pte A. M. Xavier 6	40	41	81
Pte L. A. Rosario 6	41	40	81
P.C. G. Narain Singh 7	42	39	81
Sgt R. Burkitt 6	39	41	80
P.C. Charan Singh 5	39	41	80
L/Cpl G. M. Dias Asedo 6	38	41	79
R. Tynemouth 5	37	42	79
S.I. (R) H. O. To'o 5	35	43	78
Cpl Sher Singh 7	35	43	77
Sgt W. T. Sargent 5	38	39	77
Cpl G. R. Morton 5	36	40	76
Pte W. T. Taylor 7	36	39	75

CLASS "C"

Cpl C. S. Lochrie 8	42	40	82
Piper F. Stewart 8	39	35	74
H.J.S. Blake 6	33	39	72
Lieut J. M. M. Alves 8	34	38	72
Piper R. Milne 8	36	36	72
S.I. (R) A. C. Chan 9	34	37	71
L.A.C. R.J.A.F. Callaghan 6	36	34	70
Pte R. H. Johnston 6	37	33	70
L/Cpl N. D. Booker 11	37	32	69
Pte W. K. Corneck 8	38	31	69
Sgt L. I. Priddy 8	32	36	68
Pte E. Thornton 10	36	32	68
Pte C. Bellchambers 11	31	33	64
P/O. H. B. Gray 8	31	32	63
Pte A. Buller 9	33	30	63

CLASS "D"

L/Cpl M. S. Lau 13	42	35	77
Pte A. Lim 12	30	38	68
Pte L. Brezny 14	29	32	61
Pte T. Lock 12	29	30	59
Pte F. Gibson 14	24	34	58
Pte G. Carrington 12	32	24	56
Pte W. G. Maycock 14	30	25	55

Winner of Cup and Handicap Spoon will have his Handicap reduced by one Point.

Miniature Rifle Section

Leading Scores in the .22 open sight Competition were:

CLASS "A"

Sep. Phut Singh	nil	92*
Sep. Shambu Singh	nil	92*
Capt G. C. Dawson	3	91*
Sep. Waligat Khan	nil	90
Sep. Ghulam Hadi	nil	89
C.S.M. Hale	1	89
Sgt Cole	5	88
J. A. Guard	3	88
B/M. Kilford	3	87
N. V. Whyte	2	87
Sgt Nunn	2	87
L/Nk. Ikbal Khan	nil	87
Mne Richardson	8	86

CLASS "B"

Sgt Sargent	5	85*
L/Cpl Wood	4 —	85=
Capt Guest	7	82
Cpl Henley	6	81
Pte V. Sequeira	6	79
R. Tynemouth	5	78
Cpl Lomaev	6	75
Capt Marsh	7	72

CLASS "C"

Piper Stuart	8	83*
Pte Corneck	8	80
H.K. Blake	8	63

CLASS "D"

Pte Maycock	14	84*
Pte A. Lim	12	80
N. D. Booker	13	72
T. Lock	12	60

The .22 aperture sight team shoot results were: Royal Air Force 377*; Police Reserve 355; Middlesex Regt 354; Police "A" 346; 7th Rajputs "B" 247; 7th Rajputs "A" 231.

* Winner of spoon.
= Tie score gauged out.

Claybird Championships

The annual Claybird Championships were shot off on Sunday morning, Capt. Hyde, of the Manchester Regt, obtaining two of the trophies.

Results were:

Newton Challenge Cup.—1, Capt C. H. R. Hyde, 2, Capt Dawson.

Individual Service Claybird Championship.—1, Capt Hyde, 2, Capt Dawson.

Services Inter-Unit Claybird Match.—1, Headquarters, China Command, 2, Middlesex Regt.

To-day's Matches

Two further Club matches will be played to-day. These will be the final of the Handicap Single, in which G. W. Sewell will meet T. J. Gould, and the semi-final of the Handicap Doubles—C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight.

Home Soccer Fixtures For May 10

WAR CUP FINAL

Arsenal v. Preston North End (At Wembley).

LEAGUE SOUTH

Portsmouth v. Bournemouth; Watford v. Luton Town.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL

Aldershot v. Queens Park Rangers; Brentford v. Fulham; Cardiff City v. Chelsea; Reading v. West Ham; Stoke City v. Northamptontown; Tottenham Hotspur v. Crystal Palace; Walsall v. Leicester City.

NORTHERN REGIONAL

Bury v. Manchester United; Chester v. Bolton Wanderers; Chesterfield v. Sheffield United; Liverpool v. Tranmere Rovers.

LIVERPOOL CUP

Oldham v. Rochdale; Wrexham v. Manchester City.

REGIONAL MATCH

Mansfield Town v. Grimsby Town.

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP SEMIFINAL

Leeds United v. Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE CUP SEMIFINAL

Burnley v. Blackpool.

OTHER MATCHES

Middlesbrough v. Sunderland.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

Hearts v. Rangers (At Hampden Park, Glasgow).

Golf

Captain's Cup Qualifiers

Results of the Captain's Cup Golf competition held at Fanling during the week-end were:

Old Course.—H. Overy 88-16=70. Qualified: Twenty entries.

New Course.—H. M. Rowland 87-16=71. Qualified: Eleven entries.

S. China Touring Soccer XI To Play R. Scots To-morrow

A soccer match will be played between South China and Royal Scots at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow. It is expected to attract no little attention in view of the fact that a South China side barely managed to draw on Sunday with Middlesex.

Lee Wai-tong will appear for the League and Shield champions, supported by some of the senior team and three Eastern players who will take part in South China's Malayan tour and who will be wearing South China's colours for the first time.

The Eastern players are Hsu Kingzen, Law Wai-kuen and Chung Yungsum. An admission charge of 50 and 30 cents will be made.

The South China team will sail for Singapore next week.

Referees' Meeting

The last monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held at Hotel Cecil at 8 p.m. to-day, when Mr Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, will give an address on "Human nature in Association Football."

SPORTS ADVT.

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The FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 10th MAY, 1941,** commencing at **2.00 p.m.**

The First Bell will be rung at **1.30 p.m.**

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

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The Secretary's Office, 1st. Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at **11.45 a.m.**

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No Children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Person, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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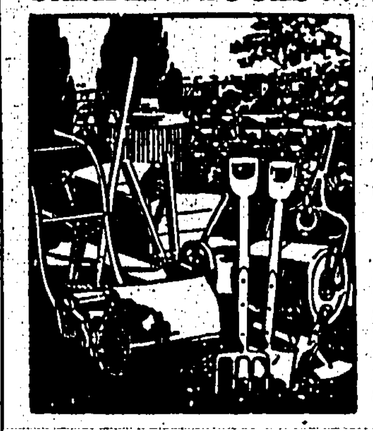

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A total of $1,876,070.50 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

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Moroccans Would Resist Any Foreign Invader

By Joseph L. Ravotto

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

MARRAKECH, French Morocco, May 4 (UP).—French Moroccans will fight any foreign force which "dares set foot upon our territory." El Hadi Thami El Galoui, his eyes flashing fire as he spoke, told me that when I interviewed him.

Not many people have heard of El Galoui before, but it is a name to conjure with in the vast western reaches of Morocco, from the hot coast of the Atlantic across the wilderness of the Atlas Mountains to the sands of the Sahara. El Galoui is the pasha of the Marrakech region, and probably the Moroccan leader best known in Europe.

He attached no strings to his statement that Moroccans would fight invasion from any quarter. He said that regardless of the attitude of the Vichy government, Moroccans would defend their homeland "with or without French aid."

The gaunt, tall Moroccan received me in his palace in this 800-year-old walled capital, which for generations than can be remembered has been the gateway to the south and the pleasure city of Western Islam.

It is to this city that the fierce and primitive berber tribesmen of the white-crowned Atlas Mountains come to trade with the Nomads of the Sahara and the wandering shepherds of the grazing land nearby.

The pasha expressed admiration for the United States, and said that despite his remoteness from America he had followed the Congressional debate on the Lease-Lend Bill with the greatest interest. He said that he expected much from the United States.

True Friendship

"It is not at the moment of affluence that one really knows his friends," said the pasha. "It is at the moment of adversity when one's very existence is threatened that one's true friends are discovered."

He made it plain that he is a friend of France. He wants to see Morocco being French.

"The United States," he said, "can and must help preserve our civilisations, our ways of living. We can help in many ways to restore France to her former position, but aid must come from the United States."

When I asked him what Morocco's reaction would be in case of invasion, his eyes flashed, and he said in French:

"We would fight anyone who dared set foot on our territory. I personally will lead my men to battle if African soil is violated. We would resist even if we had to resort to sticks and stones."

Bus Girls Ruin City's Traffic

WOMEN conductresses who start work late or not at all, and go home at blackout time leaving their buses stranded, are causing traffic chaos in Bristol.

Major E. J. Chapple, managing director of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., blamed the women in replying to complaints of irregular services in the city.

"We have the buses and we have the drivers," he said, "but what are we to do when probably 70 out of our 500 condustresses do not turn up in the morning"

No Scruples

Major Chapple complained that the women pick the most attractive-sounding jobs offered them at employment exchanges.

"If in a few days they don't like it, they have no scruples about packing up and going to a different job.

DIVORCE RECIPE

JUDGE Joseph Sabath, of Chicago, hearing his 52,679th divorce trial on his 71st. birthday, said that "in-laws, tin-can meals, working wives and crackerbox flats," were the cardinal causes of unhappy marriage.

"I've sat in divorce courts in London, Paris, Munich, Rome, Prague and Vienna, and the causes of divorce are the same the world over."

Sunday Not What It Used To Be

JUDGE Isaacs recently freed 56 residents of Wilmington, Delaware, charged with violation of ancient Sunday observance laws on the grounds that Sunday newspapers, drug stores, neighbourhood stores, restaurants and automobile drives are modern necessities.

"The Lord's Day must be preserved but the stream of life to-day differs vastly from when these laws were enacted," he said.

The State Attorney-General had launched wholesale prosecutions because the Legislature refused to bring the Sabbath observance laws up to date.

More than 500 persons, including newsboys, milkmen and bus drivers were indicted.

Over 7,000 Jews Now Recruited

Further recruiting of Palestinians in five categories of the British Army of the Middle East has just been announced.

Besides Palestinian companies of the Buffs, recruits were sought for the Engineers, the Royal Corps of Signals, the R.A.S.C. and the Pioneer Corps.

With the second company of Royal Engineers and the fifth Jewish infantry company now being formed, the number of Jews serving with the Colours approaches 7,500 of the total of 10,000 Palestinians, according to Mr Shertok head of the political department of the Jewish Agency. He pointed out that this exceeds the number who served in the Jewish regiment during the last war.

Mr Shertok recalled that Jewish recruits were then enlisted in several countries, but now they are only being recruited in Palestine. More than half the Palestinian volunteers are on active service in all parts of Africa. The remainder are either on garrison duties in Palestine or training.

Wallace Beery Wins Case

Alleged Wrongful Arrest

Wallace Beery, film actor, has won a suit brought against him by Allan Whitney for £200,000 damages for wrongful arrest.

Fifteen years ago Whitney, now 28, was a candidate for adoption by Beery.

Whitney was seen loitering near Beery's mansion.

Noah Beery, Wallace's brother, summoned the police, who arrested Whitney on a vagrancy charge. They released him later.

Whitney said Wallace Beery had ordered his arrest because of a grudge, dating from the time Beery had taken him into his home, then ordered him out.

Adopted Daughters

Wallace Beery, 52, has adopted two daughters, Coral Ann, now 9, and Phyllis Ann, 18 months.

When Beery and his wife amicably arranged a divorce in May, 1939, after 14 years' marriage, they decided to share the custody of Coral Ann.

Six months after the divorce Beery adopted Phyllis Ann to be a companion to Coral Ann.

Wind Carried Him Across

A Spitfire pilot baled out nearly four miles above the Straits of Dover recently and people standing on the English coast saw him blown towards Nazi-occupied France by a strong wind while his plane came down on English soil.

One watcher said: "It looked as though he would be carried right across into the Germans' hands. To stand there watching, unable to help, was just maddening.

"We saw him through a gap in the clouds as his plane came flaming down. He had been in a fight with a German formation in a snowstorm."

Boys Wanted Poached Eggs

"Poached eggs on toast, please," ordered three 11-year-old boys in a cafe at Alton (Hants).

"Eggs, indeed," said the proprietor. "Where do you think we get eggs from?"

Taking five eggs from their pockets, the boys said: "That's all right. You toast the bread and we'll give you the eggs."

At Alton Juvenile Court it was disclosed that the boys had stolen the eggs from a farm. For this and other offences they were each ordered six strokes of the birch and placed on probation for a year.

£75 GIFT TO HOSPITAL

The Secretary of St Thomas's Hospital had a pleasant surprise recently when a girl walked into the office and handed over an envelope containing £75 in notes. The girl refused to leave her name, but inside the envelope was a note reading, "Would you please accept this money as a gift to the hospital from a grateful patient of some years ago."

FAMOUS ARCHITECT JOINS REITH'S EXPERTS

MR. T. S TAIT

THE Scotsman who was invited to replan Moscow has joined the team of experts that Lord Reith, Minister for Works and Buildings, is getting together.

He has appointed Mr. T. S. Tait, the famous architect—probably one of the most highly paid in the world—to be his Director of Standardisation.

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Star of 'Merry Widow' Thought Himself Poor

JOE COYNE, the Robert Taylor of his day, made famous by "The Merry Widow" musical comedy, died recently aged seventy-three, in a nursing home at Virginia Water, Surrey, where he had been a patient since 1939.

One of the greatest Edwardian musical comedy stars, he was still acting in 1931, yet he was almost unknown to the present generation.

He spent his last years in almost Spartan simplicity, convinced he was a poverty-stricken old actor forgotten by his friends. In fact, he has died worth £40,000.

His death was due to pneumonia.

Until he was taken to the nursing home he lived for many years in a small bedroom at the Carlton Hotel. But he never dined there. He walked slowly, always alone, to a small restaurant in Piccadilly. His bill was never more than a few shillings.

Always Looked Poor

He drank nothing but water—the man who, in his heyday, used to joke that he was American by birth, English by adoption, and Scotch by absorption.

He even began to economise on his shaves.

"He was not 'down and out,' but he always looked poor," a friend said. "I often used to wonder if the people who passed him in the street realised what a famous man it was going along looking so sad.

"Sometimes when he passed my office I would go out and ask him how he was. His face would light up with gratification that some one had recognised him. He was just living in the past."

But even if he did not think so he had friends. It was Edna May—who introduced him to London in 1901 in "The Girl from Up There"—who discovered, in 1939, how ill he was. She arranged for him to be moved to the nursing home.

Past Successes

It was Edna May who recommended him to George Edwardes for the part of Danilo in "The Merry Widow" in 1907. He had returned to New York, where he was born, after his appearance in "The Girl from Up There." But after "The Merry Widow" he made London his home.

His career became a succession of musical comedy triumphs. Edna May, Gertie Millar, Lily Elsie, Phyllis Dare, Gladys Cooper, Ethel Levey, Constance Collier, Gertrude Lawrence, Binnie Hale, and June were all his leading ladies.

Boy Killed In Shelter

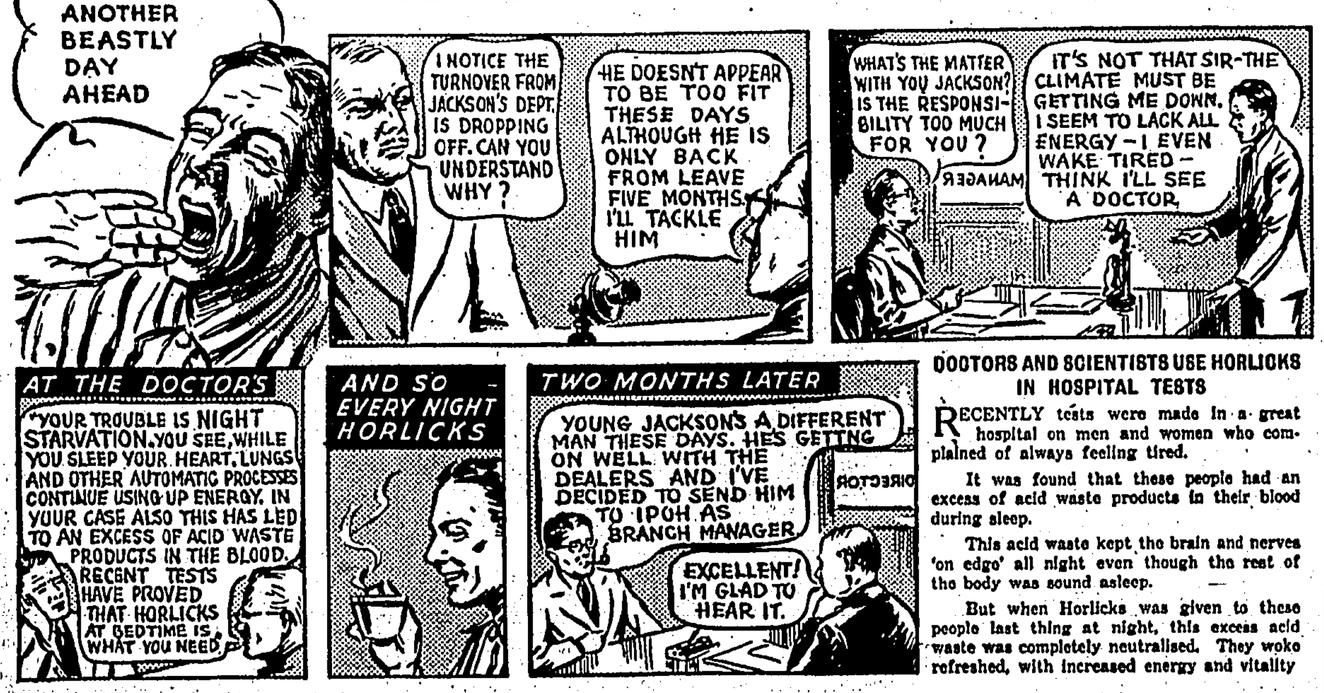
A 13-year-old boy was recently killed by the explosion of a light-calibre bomb concealed in an Anderson shelter at the back of his house.

He was Raymond Patridge, of Harriet Street, Cardiff.

The bomb had been picked up by boys in the street and carried home after a raid. Unknown to their parents they hid it in the shelter.

Raymond Patridge was in the shelter when the bomb exploded.

ASSISTANT LOSES HIS GRIP... YET ONLY JUST BACK FROM LEAVE!



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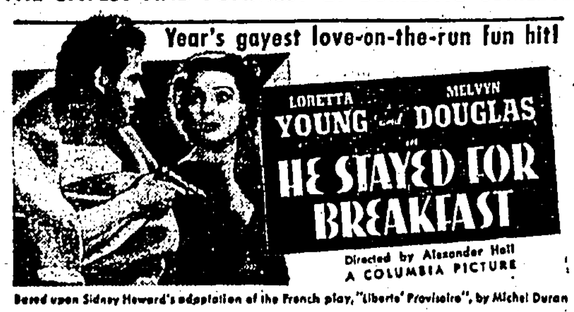

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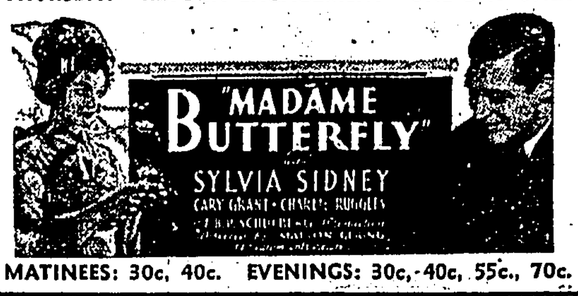

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Turkey's Offer To Mediate

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were carried out throughout Sunday night, says an additional Middle East communique issued to-day.

The communique adds that yesterday there was intermittent shelling of the R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah by Iraqi artillery. It was not of a serious nature owing to constant air patrols maintained by British fighters and bombers.

Armoured Cars Used

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—British armoured cars attacked the Iraqi desert fort of Rutbah, states a Beirut message quoted by the German news agency, which claims that the attack was successfully repelled by the Iraqi troops.

German Report

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—Radio Berlin announced that the Iraqi troops have occupied Habbaniyah air base and have completely encircled Basra.

Iraqi Claim

BEIRUT, May. 5 (UP).—Iraq sources to-day claimed that two British troop carrying planes have been shot down.

Six hundred non-Syrian students have been dismissed from their classes at the American University after repeated Arab student demonstrations at Behuls, Iraq.

Currency Order

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—The Treasury to-day announced that a new order under the defence finance regulations excludes Iraq from the sterling area.

No Nazi Forces

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—There is no evidence of the arrival of German aircraft or officers, it was stated in a review of the position in Iraq in military circles here.

A spokesman estimated the total strength of the Iraqi air force at 120 of all types, hardly any of them modern.

The unarmed party captured at Rutbah, mentioned in to-day's British communique, consisted of three or four British officers and a few sappers, the remainder being local labourers. They were captured by a mobile Iraqi force.

The spokesman said that the situation around Habbaniyah was "a little difficult and delicate."

Apart from the men at Basra and Habbaniyah, the British had only a certain number of construction gangs working on the Baghdad-Haifa Road, which passes through Rutbah.

Relations With Germany

VICHY, May 5 (Reuter).—Iraq is reported to have decided to resume diplomatic relations with Germany, says the Vichy news agency.

Direct Hits On Scharnhorst

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horst and Gneisenau, states the Air Ministry.

The continued presence of the battle cruisers at Brest after five weeks suggests, adds the Ministry, that either they have developed some grave defect while at sea or what is more probable, that Brest has proved a very poor shelter.

—They-made-for-port-late-in-March to be refuelled and to munition the ships.

These tasks can be normally completed in 24 hours.

On Sunday night they showed up clearly under the moon and pilots report very accurate bombing with direct hits on both cruisers. Sticks of the heaviest bombs also fell repeatedly across the dry dock in which one vessel had berthed and about a jetty where others were led up.

Rectangle of Fire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—The Air Ministry, expanding to-day's communique, claimed that the first raiders at St Nazaire started "a great rectangle of fire at the naval base." Incoming pilots saw the fires and explosions and added their own bomb loads to the havoc.

The barracks at the Querueville aerodrome were hit.

Clouds of black smoke belched from the bows of a 3,000-ton German supply ship which was bombed at midnight while anchored in the Skagerrak in convoy.

The Coastal Command took advantage of the moonlight to harry the enemy off the British coast. The same patrol which hit the 3,000-ton supply ship straddled a second vessel with bombs and attacked the docks at Egersund in southern Norway.

"The gunner of a Blenheim bomber which reconnoitred the Stavanger area shot out three troublesome searchlights," the communique concluded.

Nazi Raiders Pay Dearly

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of machine-gun fire but little damage was done and there were no casualties.

One plane was destroyed by an R.A.F. pilot who was merely out testing his guns. He and his Squadron Leader were making for a suitable place to fire cannon shells when two German fighters were spotted.

It is now known that in the attack on Merseyside on Friday night, another enemy bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, making a total of six destroyed that night.

Scotland Visited

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—German raiders attacked central and west Scotland in face of heavy barrages to-night. Bombs were dropped on the east coast of England.

Commons To Debate British War Effort

("Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The next two sittings of the House of Commons, and the next sitting of the House of Lords will be occupied by consideration of a Government motion approving the sending of help to Greece, and declaring that Imperial operations in the Middle East and other theatres will be pursued by the Government with the utmost vigour.

As there is nothing in the nature of a crisis, it will not be surprising if, despite the animated debate in which at least two former War Ministers hope to participate, criticisms will not be carried as far as a division in the Lobby except by a few like the Independent Labour Party men (who want a new Government) and some of the more out and out critics of British war strategy, diplomacy and Intelligence Services.

Mr Eden will open the proceedings, and according to present plans there will be only two other Government speakers—Mr Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, in the middle, and Mr Churchill at the end.

Back Benchers' Chance

The intention is to give the back benchers full scope for debate. Mr Leslie Hore Belisha and Mr Oliver Stanley, both former War Ministers, hope to speak, and Mr Lloyd George is a possible participant.

In the House of Lords, the discussion is expected to last only three hours.

When the debate was first demanded in the House of Commons, it offered the prospect of major political consequences, but the Government appointments announced last week have removed the likelihood of any such development, at least pending the knowledge of how the new Ministers are to fit into the whole war machine.

Unless, therefore, some unusual turn is given to the discussion, it seems unlikely that it will be much more than a useful ventilation of steam generated by the recent events in Libya, Greece, Iraq and Turkey, coupled with the current criticism of the production organisation and man power and related problems in Britain.

Egypt Sends Message To Iraq

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—The Egyptian Government have decided to send a message to the Iraqi Government, says a statement issued by the Egyptian Prime Minister's office to-night, according to the Cairo wireless.

The statement adds: "Egypt, which is tied to Iraq by bonds of sympathy and friendship, hopes very sincerely that the causes of the incident which started this conflict will be removed and that the usual good relations between Iraq and her great Ally will be re-established."

The Statement

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—The Egyptian Prime Minister, in his statement to-night, said: "The authorities in Iraq will undoubtedly appreciate that grave responsibility rests on their shoulders especially in these critical circumstances. We sincerely hope that both parties will reach a favourable solution of the present dispute which will restore peace-and-tranquillity-to-Iraq,-and-that the war will not be extended to that part of the world."

Officer Left Guard For Club

A subaltern of the Grenadier Guards who was in charge of the Whitehall defences—the protection of Government offices and the Houses of Parliament—pleaded guilty at a Chelsea court-martial recently to leaving his guard and going to a club with a lance-corporal and a guardsman.

The officer, Second-Lieutenant Cyril Edwin Dodd, was described by his counsel as "a typical English sportsman."

He also pleaded guilty to charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline in going to the club with Lance-Corporal G. Simmonds and Guardsman L. Sykes, and causing them to be supplied with alcohol.

Dodd, it was stated, had his dinner and left in a W.D. car driven by Sykes and accompanied by Simmonds to go to the round of his posts. They arrived at the last post at about 11.15 p.m., and afterwards went to a club in Earl's Court Road.

LATE NEWS

Belfast Bravely Faces Second Blitz Blow

(By "Reuter's" Staff Reporter)

BELFAST, May 5.—For the second time in three weeks, the Luftwaffe crossed the Irish Sea on Sunday night to strike indiscriminately at this patriotic Northern Ireland city.

Amid the misery of ruined homes, fortitude mingled with tremendous relief that the casualties were not as heavy as at first feared. The blow was, however, severe as the official communique shows with its reference to "much damage to commercial, industrial and residential property."

At a hospital hit in the previous raid and damaged again on Sunday night, I have just been told of the gallantry of the nurses who shepherded to safety their patients—mostly women and children—as flames swept part of the building. Their calm courage was matched by that of the firemen, A.R.P. workers and ambulance drivers who battled through the night to check the fires and to bring in the injured, and by those ordinary men and women whose homes were gone but who, since they felt that they were in this war as completely as any part of Britain now, are not dismayed because they felt its full severity.

Only a few hours after the sun rose on the battered city, tidying-up proceeded as swiftly as possible.

Eire Town Raided

DUBLIN, May 5 (UP).—It is officially stated that an unidentified aircraft early this morning dropped high explosive bombs on a town in County Donegal, smashing windows in the houses in the vicinity. There were no casualties.

Liverpool Carries On

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—After four days and nights of raids, Liverpool is carrying on.

Following a special meeting of the city's Emergency Committee, special arrangements were considered and a statement was issued that Liverpool had passed through a serious trial and the Committee expressed its great appreciation of the spirit in which the citizens had met the crisis.

It was a great inspiration, the Committee added, to know that Liverpool had not been behind other cities in its realisation of the importance of maintaining the steadiness of civic life.

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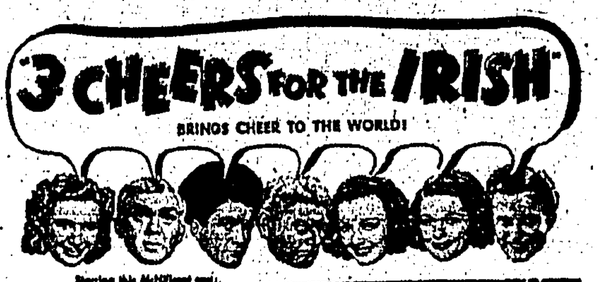

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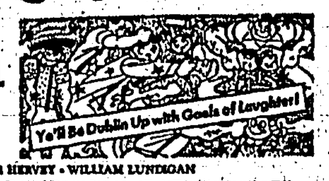

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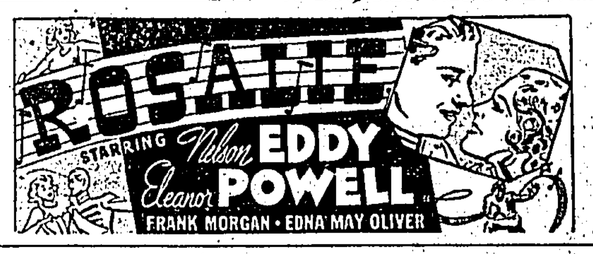

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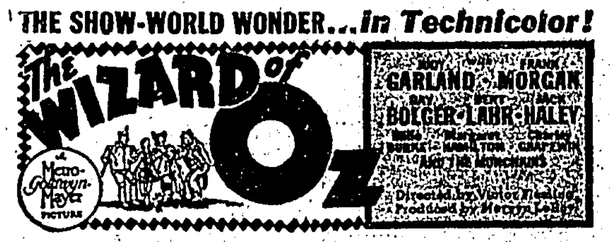

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To Join Allied Forces

(BY "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 5 (After escaping from internment in Djibuti, French Somaliland, three members of the R.A.F., six South Africans and two Greeks eager to join the Greek forces have arrived in British Somaliland.

The R.A.F. men landed in French territory when they ran short of fuel on their way back from a raid. They made a landing in darkness and miraculously escaped when one remaining bomb in the rack exploded. They were imprisoned and later sent to Djibuti.

The South Africans similarly had made a forced landing in French territory, believing themselves in British territory. They were also sent to Djibuti.

Their escape was well-planned. After crossing the border two of the men left the others and crossed overland to Zella against a blistering wind which whipped the salt sand in their eyes and faces. At Zella they were able to arrange for a dhow to be sent to fetch the others and they have all now rejoined their formation.

Smuts On American Intervention

CAPE TOWN, May 5 (Reuter).—"America will come into the war," said General Jan Smuts in the Senate to-day, "not as a result of propaganda but because her people feel that she should participate. No nation which thinks of the future can remain out of the war."

Stressing his belief in future co-operation between nations, General Smuts said: "I don't see any one nation playing top dog over all the rest."

The day must surely come, he said, when America, Great Britain and the Commonwealth of Nations must be very much closer than in the past. He blamed the spirit of competition among nations and the desire of one nation to play overlord for the "present catastrophic happenings."

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SUPERIOR AIR FORCE MAKES BRITAIN TOP DOG AGAIN IN IRAQ

By EDWARD BEATTIE
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, MAY 5 (UP). — THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MAJORITY OF THE IRAQ AIR FORCE IN THE SERIES OF WEEK-END ENCOUNTERS AS CLAIMED BY THE CAIRO COMMUNIQUE IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN MAKING BRITAIN TOP DOG AGAIN IN IRAQ, AND RESTORING THE BORDER AND THE VITAL OIL FIELDS ACCORDING TO BRITISH QUARTERS.

Greece taught the British Mid-Eastern Command an impressive lesson in the value of air superiority in even sparsely inhabited countries — a lesson which the R.A.F. ought now to be in a position to teach the Iraqis unless German reinforcements arrive.

Regardless of the Turkish reports that a German air squadron has been observed en route, there is not the slightest indication so far that the Iraqis are receiving support—a fact lending strength to the impression that the Iraq Government opened hostilities prematurely catching Hitler unprepared to send immediate aid.

At the moment the chief obstacle to the British who are aiming at control of the land as well as the air seemed to be lack of sufficient troops to risk any cross country campaign.

Egypt Wants Settlement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—It is understood that the Egyptian Government is using its influence to secure a settlement between the British and Raschid Ali. The Cabinet met yesterday and fully discussed the matter, after which it is reported that they sent a telegram to Raschid Ali appealing to him to come to terms with the British. The Egyptian Minister at Baghdad has been instructed to use his good offices.

Turkey's Offer to Mediate

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—It is now confirmed in London that the Turkish government have offered to mediate between the British and Iraqi governments, says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

The British government, while greatly appreciating the friendly motive of the Turkish government, have been compelled to point out that the essential prerequisite of entering into any negotiations is the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Habbaniyah.

Impossible Iraqi Condition

ISTANBUL, May 5 (UP).—The Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu has offered his services as intermediary in the dispute between Iraq and Britain and the Turkish Foreign Office is reported to be very active in attempting to settle the matter.

It is understood that the Iraq Government, as one of the conditions of a possible agreement, propose that British troops be withdrawn from the country, but it is admitted that this bargaining point represents a serious demand. Simultaneously it is emphasized that Britain cannot lose her communications with Turkey and Palestine.

Official Communique

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—An official communique issued from British G.H.Q. states:

"Iraqi artillery posted in the vicinity of Habbaniyah was rendered

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British Bombers Did This At Bergen

Amongst the many important objectives of British bombers have been the German occupied ports of France, Holland, Norway and Denmark. These two pictures illustrate the effectiveness of those attacks. One protograph shows a military objective in Bergen sent up in billowing smoke, and below a German transport loaded with war material sunk at a pier in the Bergen harbour.

EXPENSIVE RAID ON CRETE

Heavy Nazi Air Losses

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—An R.A.F. communique states that British fighter planes intercepted enemy planes which were raiding Crete and shot down four and damaged another. Anti-aircraft fire destroyed others.

Direct Hits On Scharnhorst and Gneisenau

Sustained Attack By R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced to-day that pilots claimed direct hits on the German battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest last night.

The attack on Brest was intense, lasting two hours, beginning shortly before midnight.

The R.A.F. pilots "carried great loads of armour-piercing bombs, and the pilots report very accurate bombing. Direct hits on both battle-cruisers are claimed. Sticks of very heavy bombs also fell repeatedly across the dockyard in which one vessel is berthed."

One pilot said that he had spent an hour and a quarter going backward and forward over Brest, including three runs over the battle-cruisers, before he dropped his bombs.

Glorious Hour

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—In one crowded hour on Sunday night over an enemy occupied aerodrome in occupied France, from which German bombers attack Britain, one R.A.F. pilot attacked five Nazi raiders returning to their base. Although he was unable to see the result of his attacks, states the Air Ministry News Service, five of the enemy planes

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C-in-C Appointed

CANEA, Crete, May 5 (Reuter).—Allied forces in Crete are now under the command of the New Zealand General, Major-General C. B. Freyberg, V.C., Commander-in-Chief of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

This is announced in the following Order of the Day by the Greek Prime Minister and War Minister, Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos: "In order better to conduct the struggle which we have undertaken with our powerful ally, Great Britain, His Majesty King George and his Government have decided that the Allied troops of the island should be placed under a single command.

"Major General Freyberg has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the island."

No News Of Chile Base For Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, to-day told the press that he discredited the rumours that the Japanese were negotiating for the lease of islands off southern Chile to be used as bases.

He declared that the State Department had received no such information and added that the story sounded more like a rumour than a report.

Straight Talk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (UP).—Representative Clyde T. Ellis to-day told the House that Japan should be given a "week to check out of the Axis" or face war with the United States, and "should Japan refuse to step out of the Axis, I, for one, am ready to start polishing her from the face of the earth."

Mr Ernest Hemingway, the noted war correspondent and author, has left the Colony for Manila.

FAVOURS CONVOYS

Immediate Application Says Carl Vinson

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (UP).—Representative Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, to-day declared that he favours the convoying of American shipments to Britain with the navy "now."

In his interview, he asserted, "I am in favour of convoys if that becomes necessary to get materials there."

Mr Vinson frequently reflects the Administration viewpoint regarding naval matters, but there is no indication that he had consulted other leaders regarding convoys.

Representative E. E. Cox predicted that "we are going to convoy and convoy right away."

Representative Hamilton Fish who is opposing the Ship Requisitioning Bill said that its passage without amendment would be a "virtual declaration of war," and he charged that "every member of the President's Cabinet is an interventionist. They have been trying to get us into this war for the last year and a half."

THREAT TO AZORES

Portuguese Fear Parachutists

JERSEY CITY, N.J., May 5 (Reuter).—There is widespread fear in Portugal that a German parachute invasion of the Azores might be imminent, said Captain Grove, captain of the liner Excalibur, on her arrival from Lisbon.

On the day the Excalibur left Lisbon he saw a Portuguese troopship with about 3,000 soldiers leave, apparently for the Azores.

He understood that a similar contingent left for the Azores several days before.

Japanese Army Feeds Poor Chinese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOOCHOW, May 6 (Domei).—Ten thousand bales of rice weighing approximately 180 lb apiece will be sold to the Chinese people by the Japanese Army at half the prices prior to the Japanese occupation of Foochow, it was announced.

The measure was decided upon by the Japanese Army authorities in view of the lack of rice and its high prices in the Foochow area. The rice shipments arrived from Canton yesterday while more shipments are expected.

Concession To Chinese

H.K. Immigration Law Modified

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 5 (UP).—Hongkong's immigration law which last December was first extended to include Chinese has now been modified as far as Chinese are concerned according to the Foreign Office.

The regulation enforcing Chinese entering or leaving the Colony to produce a passport as well as a visa has been altered and henceforth only a passport will be required.

Previously the British Consulate charged 60 yuan for a residential visa and three yuan for a travelling visa.

U. S. Admirals Back Britain To Win

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, May 5 (UP).—Seventeen experts on military and political affairs—including four retired Admirals—to-day declared that the statements that Britain has already lost the war and cannot be saved by aid from the United States are unwarranted.

Their joint statement says: "The essential element of British survival and ultimate victory is the maintenance of a sufficient flow of shipping across the Atlantic. American naval and air forces now possess the striking power, as in 1917, to equalise and perhaps turn to our advantage the struggle which is now being waged along the convoy routes."

The signatories of the statement included Admirals William V. Pratt, William H. Standley, both former Chief of Naval Operations, Vice Admiral William L. Rodgers, former President of the Naval War College, and Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, former Commander in Chief of the Asiatic Fleet.

They gave eight reasons for their belief and concluded that "even if it is true—which we deny—that Britain is destined to lose the war, it is imperative that Hitler's victory be as long delayed and as costly as possible.

Search For Shanghai Terrorists

Disguised As Peasants

SHANGHAI, May 6 (Reuter).—Wholesale arrests are reportedly being made following the launching of a vigorous campaign by the Japanese authorities to round up terrorists in Japanese occupied areas in Shanghai where a rigorous searching of pedestrians for concealed weapons and strict surveillance of Chinese suspects are now enforced.

It is stated that the rounding up of scores of innocent-looking peasants and beggars has fully borne out rumours that terrorists have been operating in the disguise of country people.

Those recently arrested are said to include the murderers of two Japanese gendarmes in Hongkew last month.

Meanwhile uneasiness is reported to be prevailing among the Chinese living in Hongkew in view of a movement to start a "mutual guarantee system."

PLANES OVER ALEXANDRIA

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft flew over Alexandria between 10 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. last Sunday night. There were no casualties or damage.

GERMAN DESIGNS ON SYRIA

Military Base Rumours

ZURICH, May 5 (Reuter).—Political circles here assume that Germany is anxious to have permission to use Syria as a military base.

No authoritative information, however, is available in connection with Germany's proposals to Vichy which were handed by Herr Otto Abetz, the Nazi Ambassador to France, to Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Foreign Minister, during the week-end.

Darlan For Paris

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Swiss radio reports from Vichy that Admiral Darlan, who left this afternoon for Paris, is accompanied by two diplomatic advisers.

The announcer said that the diplomatic negotiations which Admiral Darlan will conduct in Paris are of far-reaching importance for the future of French-German relations.

Damascus Riots Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, May 5 (UP).—The pillaging of the British Consulate at Damascus by an anti-British crowd of 50,000 Moslems and serious clashes between the Arabs and the British troops in Palestine are reported in Hungarian dispatches from Beirut.

A Trans-Continental Press Agency dispatch from Beirut said that the British Consulate at Damascus was raided and the furniture broken during an anti-British demonstration.

LATEST

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Vichy Government May Sell France to Axis

By RALPH HEINZEN
Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, May 5 (UP).—Marshal Petain and Vice-Premier Admiral Darlan studied the German proposals for real collaboration and a French-German rapprochement prior to the Marshal's departure to-night for a brief holiday at his estate near Cannes.

No official announcement has been made but the "United Press" learns from authoritative circles that negotiations have been successfully established and that the possibilities for a rapprochement agreement during May are bright.

Admiral Darlan will personally handle the negotiations either directly by frequent visits to Paris or through Conte De Brinon, the French Ambassador at Paris.

There is a very evident desire of the French side for collaboration and agreement, and the termination of the political impasse. According to well informed quarters there is an equally clear desire on the German side; hence, the atmosphere has never been better at any time since December 13 for an unmistakable understanding which points towards France entering the German orbit and collaborating on the renovation of Europe according to Hitler's ideas.

There is no objection voiced in either the German controlled French press in Paris or the tightly held French press in the free zone.

Nazi Attack On Crete?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, May 5 (Domei).—A Cairo dispatch reaching here says that the German forces were understood to have launched an attack against the Anglo-Greek allied forces on Crete Island on May 4.

Mr B. S. Fong, overseas Chinese leader and member of the People's Political Council, has left the Colony for San Francisco.

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Chartered £..............8⅝ n.
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Mercantile C. £...........11¼ n.
East Asia $...............70 b.

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Indo-Chinas D. $...........60 n.
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Baseball Programme Marred by Rain

NEW YORK, May 5 (UP).—To-day's Major Baseball programme was considerably upset by rain, four matches being postponed—three in the National League and one in the American.

Cleveland Indians nosed out Washington Senators 2-1, and Philadelphia Athletics beat Chicago White Sox 5-4.

Complete scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Washington	1	3	2
Battery: Chase, Ferrell.			
Cleveland	2	7	1
Battery: Feller, Hemsley.			
Philadelphia	5	10	1
Battery: McCrabb, Hayes.			
Chicago	4	12	2
Battery: Smith, Appleton, Tresh.			
New York	3	6	2
Battery: Gomez, Stanceau, Branch, Dickey.			
Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Battery: Bridges, Tebbetts.			

The Boston-St Louis game was washed out by rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
St Louis	5	11	0
Battery: White, Mancuso.			
Boston	1	5	1
Battery: Errickson, Johnson, Berres, Masi.			

The Chicago-New York, Pittsburgh-Brooklyn and Cincinnati - Philadelphia games were washed out.

RECORD S'HAI DIVIDEND OF $1,441.60 FOR $5

SHANGHAI, May 5 (UP).—Rushing into the lead on the bend and leading throughout along the straight, T. Y. Woo booted Mr C. Mao's Merry Sportsman to victory in the Sub Griffins' Derby at the second day of the Shanghai Race Club's spring meeting to-day to reward punters with $1,441.60 for a $5 ticket.

Dunhuang, with A. V. Striker up, was second a length and a half away with Great Victory—(Y. S. Chang) a neck behind third. The time was 3.17.

Only 29 win tickets were taken out on Merry Sportsman, the owner having 10. Place dividends were $193.60, $10.40, $20.40.

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Sun Yat-sen ANNIVERSARY

CHUNGKING, May 5 (Central News).—In commemoration of the 20th anniversay of the establishment of the Revolutionary Government and the assumption by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen of the post of Extraordinary President of the Chinese Republic, a mass meeting attended by over 800 persons including many high Government officials, was held this morning.

G. R.

NOTICE

Owing to road and tramway tracks repairs, Des Voeux Road West between Hill Road and Queen's Road West will be closed to westbound motor vehicular traffic from Midnight on the 8th day of May 1941 until such repairs are completed.

J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS,
Commissioner of Police.
6th May, 1941.

Sports Car Driver Cautioned

Paymaster-Lieutenant J. S. Theobald of H. M. S. Tamar was summoned before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning for driving a Bentley sports car without due care and caution; namely, at 35 miles per hour on the wrong side of a bend on Shek-O Road on Sunday April 20. He pleaded not guilty and said that he had no recollection of the alleged incident.

Sergeant J. Scott of the Special Branch testified that he was driving towards Shek-O when at an "S" bend not far from the Shaukiwan Road junction he met a Bentley sports car coming very fast on the wrong side of the bend. He had to pull up to avoid a collision and the other car swung round the bend with its tyres screeching and went off without stopping. He noted the number.

Miss Margaret Scott said she was travelling in Sergeant Scott's car. At the first bend in the Shek-O Road from the Shaukiwan Road junction, near the pill boxes, a sports car came very fast on the wrong side and swung round to avoid crashing into their car.

Cross-Examination

Defendant (to witness): You say I was driving very fast. At what speed do you estimate I was travelling?

Miss Scott: I am sorry I cannot estimate the speed. It was certainly very fast.

Defendant said that if he had been guilty he would certainly have reported the matter, but he did not recollect it at all. He said that it was a curious fact that if the pressure of the tyres was low there was a tendency to screech which gave an impression of excessive speed. Sports cars generally gave the impression of travelling fast and if, as Sergeant Scott alleged, he (Defendant) was travelling at 35 miles per hour, it was surprising that the Sergeant could have had the time to take his number.

Defendant added that he had been driving in Hongkong since 1938 and it was the first time he had been summoned.

Traffic Sergeant Hunter said that Defendant had a clear record.

Mr Sheldon said that from the sworn evidence of Sergeant Scott there was no doubt that Defendant was driving fast and without due care and he convicted Defendant and cautioned him.

Acid Throwing Incident

An acid throwing incident, in which a Chinese man and a woman were involved, occurred outside the offices of the "Telegraph" about 11 a.m. to-day.

With his hands over his eyes, the man dashed blindly up the steps of the Morning Post Building, followed by the woman blowing her police whistle. The affair attracted a large crowd.

Employees of the newspaper helped the man to wash his eyes, after which the couple left for the police station.

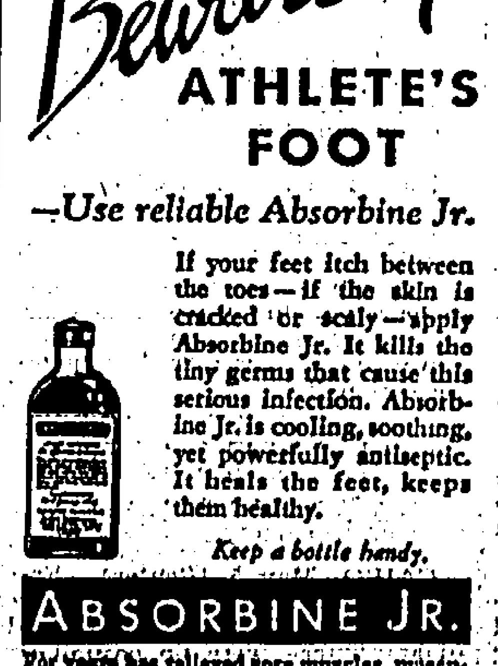
The man concerned is Wei Kwok-lun, manager of the Hsin Yah News Agency. He has been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Aussies Again Target Of Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—Twice to-day the Berlin radio broadcast a story that Australian troops at Singapore have refused to go to Egypt.

The authority given for the statement is Admiral Luetzow addressing the Court of Naval Strategy.

Australian authorities in London dismiss the statement as fantastic, fortified by the knowledge that the Australians at Singapore are trying to get to Egypt to have a "go" at the enemy.



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12.30 George Scott Wood and His Accordeon Band.

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1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Light Orchestral Selections.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Humorous and Vocal Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 A Programme of Hill Billy Music.

Hill Billy Medley; Intro.: The Last Round up; Will the Angels play their Harps for me; Home on the Range; Wagon Wheels; Ole Faithful; Roll along, Covered Wagon ....Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus; It Ain't Nobody's Biz'ness What I Do (Browne and others); (a) Oh Susannah; (b) We'll Rest at the End of the Trail (Poulton and Rose) ....The Rocky Mountaineers with Bunk House boys; The Prairie is my Home (from "Guns of the Pecos')... Dick Foran with Orchestra; (a) Underneath the Old Pine Tree; (b) The Trail of the Lonesome Pine....The Rocky Mountaineers with Bunk House Boys; Rollin' Plains (film "Rollin' Plains")....Big Bill Campbell and His Hill Billy Band; Riding the Range in the Sky (Harry Carlton); Twilight on the Trail (film "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine") ....Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) and The Good Companions.

8.32 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Grace Moore (Soprano).

Masquerade (Loeb); I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood)....Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; The Whistling Boy; Our Song (both from film "When You're in Love").... Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra; Isn't it Romantic (Theme Song, "Love Me To-night"); Always in my Heart (Turk and Coats).... Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; Without Your Love (Operetta "The Dubarry")..Grace Moore (Soprano) and Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; Souvenir D'Ukraine (Ferraris)....Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a New World" No. 2: "God and Freedom."

Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.33 Excerpts from Mozart's—"The Magic Flute."

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Glazounow—"Stenka Razine."

Orchestra of the Brussels Royal Conservatoire conducted by Desire Defauw.

10.00 A Schumann Programme.

Carnaval—Ballet Music...London Ballet Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr; Romance No. 1, Op. 94.... Henri Temianka (Violin) with Piano; Toccata, Op. 7.....Simon Barer (Piano); Romance No. 2, Op. 94.... Henri Temianka (Violin) with Piano; The Almond Tree....Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano; Dream Visions, Op. 12, No. 7....Vladimir Horowitz (Piano); The Lotus Flower ....Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Symphony No. 1 in B Flat Major, Op. 38; 1st Mov.: Andante—Allegro molto vivace—Allegro; 2nd Mov.: Larghetto; 3rd Mov.: Scherzo Molto vivace; 4th Mov.: Allegro animato e grazioso — Allegro .... Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock.

11.00 Close Down.

GIBRALTAR

Evacuation of Civilians Continues

GIBRALTAR, May 5 (Reuter).—It is officially announced here that further evacuations of civilians are taking place shortly.

Lists numbering over 1,000 to-day included many Spanish refugees.

Commons To Debate British War Effort

("Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The next two sittings of the House of Commons, and the next sitting of the House of Lords will be occupied by consideration of a Government motion approving the sending of help to Greece, and declaring that Imperial operations in the Middle East and other theatres will be pursued by the Government with the utmost vigour.

As there is nothing in the nature of a crisis, it will not be surprising if, despite the animated debate in which at least two former War Ministers hope to participate, criticisms will not be carried as far as a division in the Lobby except by a few like the Independent Labour Party men (who want a new Government) and some of the more out and out critics of British war strategy, diplomacy and Intelligence Services.

Mr Eden will open the proceedings, and according to present plans there will be only two other Government speakers—Mr Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, in the middle, and Mr Churchill at the end.

Back Benchers' Chance

The intention is to give the back benchers full scope for debate. Mr Leslie Hore Belisha and Mr Oliver Stanley, both former War Ministers, hope to speak, and Mr Lloyd George is a possible participant.

In the House of Lords, the discussion is expected to last only three hours.

When the debate was first demanded in the House of Commons, it offered the prospect of major political consequences, but the Government appointments announced last week have removed the likelihood of any such development, at least pending the knowledge of how the new Ministers are to fit into the whole war machine.

Unless, therefore, some unusual turn is given to the discussion, it seems unlikely that it will be much more than a useful ventilation of steam generated by the recent events in Libya, Greece, Iraq and Turkey, coupled with the current criticism of the production organisation and man power and related problems in Britain.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR POLES

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—A message expressing confidence in the final triumph of the democracies has been sent by President Roosevelt to the President of Poland, M. Raczkiewicz, on the occasion of Polish National Day and the 150th anniversary of the Polish Constitution.

President Roosevelt assured Poland of "our unfailing friendship and understanding and our confidence in the final triumph of the forces of the democracies."

Disillusionment For Croats

SOMEWHERE IN MIDDLE EAST, May 5 (Reuter).—Information reaching authoritative Yugo-Slav circles here declares that considerable dissatisfaction is rife among Croat supporters of Hitler's "New Order" in view of the action of Italy and Hungary in seizing large slices of Croatia although the whole territory had been promised as an independent republic.

London Bureau

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Royal Yugo-Slav Government have formed a joint Press Bureau with Serb, Croat and Slovene personnel as part of the organisation creating conformity in the determination to wage a united struggle against the Axis.

LETTERS

Night Soil Coolies' Demonstration

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—While sympathising with the night soil coolies who have found themselves thrown out of employment as a result of Government taking over the removal of night soil, it is nevertheless felt that the mass demonstration outside Government House yesterday morning was entirely uncalled for and deserving of the strongest condemnation, particularly at a time like the present, when nothing should be done which is likely to cause Government any embarrassment.

The Police Authorities are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which they handled the situation, and it speaks well for them that they were able to persuade the demonstrators to disperse before any untoward incident occurred.

It is considered that the Honourable Chinese Representatives are not altogether blameless in the matter of the mass demonstrations which have been held by night soil coolies during the past few days. If it is true that the Honourable Chinese Representatives knew all along that there would be trouble as a result of Government taking over the removal of night soil, I believe that it is pertinent for one to ask what action the Honourable Chinese Representatives took to prevent such trouble actually occurring. If no action was taken, why not? Furthermore, as it was known on Saturday that the night soil coolies intended marching to Government House on Monday, what action did the Honourable Chinese Representatives take over the week-end to persuade the night soil coolies to abandon their plan while they, the Honourable Chinese Representatives, considered what steps should be taken in the matter? If no action was taken, why not? A full explanation by the Honourable Chinese Representatives is desirable.

Y. K. CHAN.

Capt. Roosevelt In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, May 5 (Reuter).—Captain James Roosevelt, eldest son of the American President, arrived here this afternoon.

He told "Reuter" that the "morale of the Chinese is excellent. They are determined to carry on to victory."

During his four-day stay in Chungking, he met the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

Stopping at Cairo

Captain Roosevelt stated that when he reaches Cairo, he and Major Thomas will receive instructions from Washington concerning their future programme.

Captain Roosevelt stated that China throughout had been receiving American supplies which would be increased in the near future.

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The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th May ....May 14.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th May ....May 20.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Tuesday, May 6

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."

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Friday, May 9

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O.
Reg. ....May 9, 4 p.m.
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Wednesday, May 14

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."

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R.A.F. Pound The Enemy

Raids In Cirenaica And Abyssinia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communique states that over Cirenaica on the night of May 3-4, bombers raided the Benina aerodrome causing a number of fires and explosions. The Derna aerodrome was also bombed with similar results.

Enemy motor transport and mechanised units, some of which were carrying troops were bombed and machine-gunned in the Marauh area. A number of transport vehicles were destroyed and others damaged. Casualties were inflicted on the troops.

Other bombers attacked the military headquarters southeast of Tobruk causing four large fires.

Vigorous Attacks

The Italian headquarters in Abyssinia were machine-gunned by fighters of the South African Air Force and vigorous attacks were made on stores dumps, motor transport and troops throughout the day between Falaga Pass and the Dessie road.

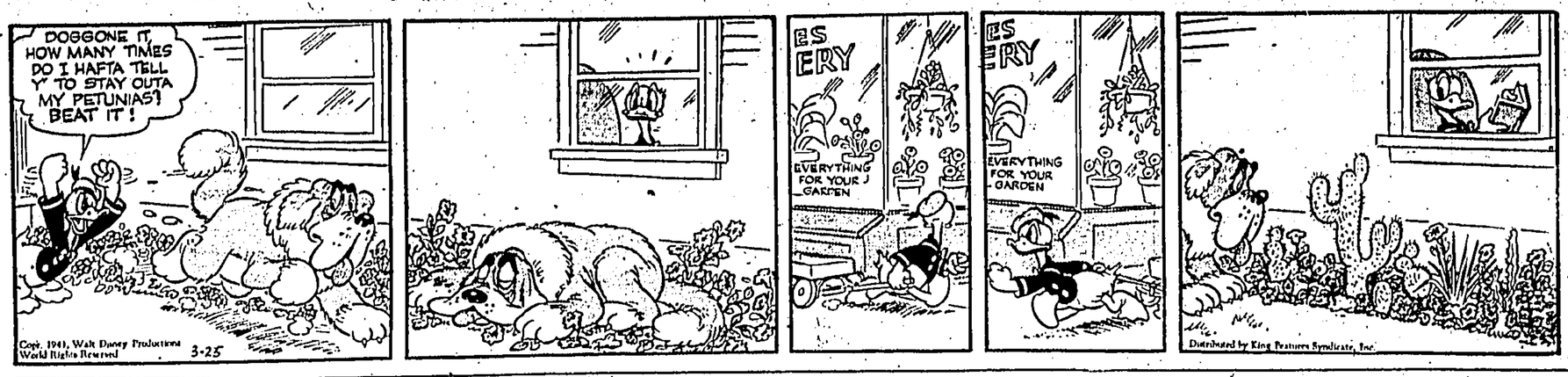
It is estimated that over 100 motor transport vehicles were severely damaged.

The stores dumps were repeatedly hit by bombs.

Two aircraft are missing from all these operations.

Major General Chu Shih-ming, Director of the Intelligence and Publicity Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who was recently transferred as Military Attache to the Chinese Embassy in Washington, has left the Colony for San Francisco en route to take up his new post.

DONALD DUCK — By Walt Disney



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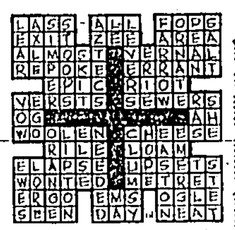
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

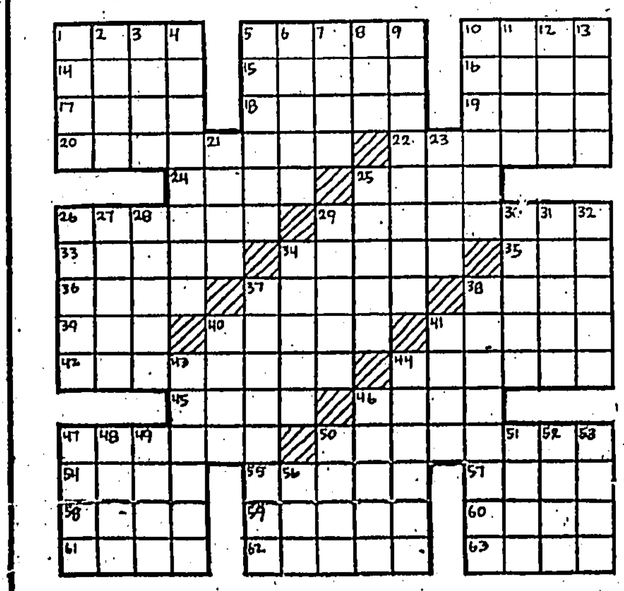
1—Speak sarcastically
5—My lady
10—Part with unintentionally
14—Biblical name
15—By oneself
16—Boring tools
17—Separate
18—Mob disturbances
19—Low in grade
20—One who carves on surface
22—Heavy hammer
24—Expression of hearty assent
25—Town in North France
26—Pertaining to backbone
29—Makers of wills
33—Painful pressure
34—Mature
35—Retarding (musical abbr.)
36—Poker bet
37—Hunts
38—Restaurant
39—Female deer
40—Cut
41—Give name to
42—Makes wealthy
44—Thin layer of covering wood
45—Former capital of Normandy
46—Leguminous plant
47—Photographer's instrument
50—Perceives through senses
54—Alumni (abbr.)
55—Graded
57—5,280 feet
58—Roll of names
59—Remove hair from
60—Wide-mouthed pot
61—Specially shaped hammer-head
62—Anxious
63—Tidy

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Open mouth wide
2—Russian name
3—Large floating ice cake
4—Door
5—Wonderful thing
6—Foreign
7—Entrance
8—Emmet
9—Communications
10—Express sorrow for
11—Was under obligation to
12—Volcanic scoria
13—Saxon serf
21—Indian wet-nurse
23—Permission to use
25—Sufferer from dread disease
26—Kind of shovel
27—Edible pine seed
28—Put in motion
29—Continues in existence
30—Make oration
31—Form of gun
32—Young ox
34—Crow
37—Practice performance
38—Kind of spice
40—Mark left by wound
41—Afternoon gatherings
43—Deliverer of ice
44—Heller
46—Cow fattened for slaughter
47—Kind of fish
48—Plant of lily family
49—Dumb
50—Male deer
51—Roofing material
52—Girl's name
53—Bench
56—Exclamation



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The Epic of the "51st" In the Battle of France

By G. E. Ley Smith

In this stirring instalment of the Gordons' adventures in the Battle of France details of the fearless hand-to-hand fighting that characterised the Battle of the Grand Bois de Cambron on the morning of June 4, 1940, are told for the first time. It was not a hollow triumph. It proved that, man for man, our lads could out-soldier the enemy.

3. Germans Routed at Bayonet Point

Dark shadows were seen creeping back from the fringes of the Grand Bois de Cambron. They were the patrols coming back from their reconnaissance of the German positions. Nazi machine-gun posts guarded the outskirts of the wood.

It was nearly three o'clock on the morning of June 4, 1940. A ground mist was lifting and dawn stretching over the fields. From a dark silhouette the wood was beginning to shape in the growing light.

Among the corn and behind the hedgerows the Gordon Highlanders lay waiting for their first big-scale attack.

Their defence of the Maginot Line had accustomed them to shellfire. Now they were to dash into the teeth of a murderous fusillade of bullets. What lay in store for them? They wished each other "Good luck," gripped rifles, and waited.

Suddenly, the artillery barrage opened. Shells whistled overhead and crashed into the middle of the wood. In the words of one officer, the wood just leapt. Trees rose in the air. It was terrific. For a quarter of an hour shells exploded continuously in the German positions.

As suddenly as it had started, the barrage ceased. Even with the rattle of machine guns a hush seemed to settle down over the countryside after the deafening roar of the guns and the exploding shells.

Company and platoon commanders in the corn and under the hedges glanced at their watches—3.30, zero hour. The attack began. "C" Company advanced under the cover of shrubs as far as the wood, but "B" Company had to race across about fifty yards of open country.

Instantly, German machine guns started to rake the columns coming towards them. In the first moment in face of such fierce fire, the Gordons perceptibly braced themselves and charged.

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As "B" Company emerged from the cover of the hedgerows an unexpected enfilading fire came from machine guns in the clump of trees on the left of the wood which was believed to be clear of the enemy.

Major Douglas Gordon, who was leading his company across the open ground, stumbled and fell, mortally wounded.

Quickly realising the danger to "B" Company, Lt. Rhodes immediately led his fighting patrol out from Calou. Crossing the roadway, they soon surrounded the clump of trees and silenced the machine guns, but had eluded the attackers among the bushes sniped at them from the rear. They were quickly tracked down. Some of them, realising the hopelessness of their positions, crept out and surrendered.

Charging with fixed bayonets, "C" Company carried the machine-gun posts on the outskirts of the wood. Now "B" Company surged forward and swept irresistibly in amongst the trees.

Through the wood the platoons had to fight their way yard by yard. It was like driving through a jungle, so thick was the undergrowth and so dark was it among the trees. They were also fighting with bayonets against Tommy guns.

German storm-troopers, picked men of the Nazi army, lay concealed in the shrubs, firing up at the Gordons as they approached. For this reason most of the casualties suffered from leg wounds.

All the paths had been marked by the Germans with white paper, but each track was covered by machine-gunners or infantrymen at a dozen places. Undismayed by the formidable nature of their task, the Gordons advanced steadily. Now and again a platoon would be held up by Tommy guns among the bushes. Warily they crept forward until close enough to drive out each post at the point of the bayonet.

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Where the Germans were too strongly dug in for the bayonet to dislodge them, a Bren was brought up and a hail of bullets poured into the position.

All the time the Gordons advanced through the wood, machine-gunners from the Kensingtons maintained a continuous cross-fire. Now and then the Gordons sent up white flares to reveal their position to the gunners.

In the densest parts it was impossible even to walk erect. It was necessary at times to crawl.

Emerging from a thick stretch of the wood, No. 13 Platoon came suddenly upon a small clearing. On the other side lay a squad of Germans, each armed with a Tommy gun. Without even the briefest hesitation the platoon charged across the gap against a murderous fusillade of bullets.

Six of them were hit almost as soon as they started to run, including Sergt Gerrie, but the remainder with tremendous courage dashed ahead and bayoneted every one of the Germans.

About eight o'clock, after four-and-a-half hours of fierce fighting, "C" Company reached the far end of the wood. Some time later "B" Company came up alongside. They had had the longer sweep through the wood to make. In the wake of the two companies lay a large number of German dead.

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From the wood beyond came intense machine-gun and trench mortar fire, causing a number of casualties among the Gordons.

Some of the Germans who

Three of them who gave themselves up played a mad trick upon their captors. It lent colour to the suggestion by one of the officers that many of the Germans were drugged.

When a section of Gordons took charge of them, one of the Germans slipped his water bottle from his equipment and let it drop. As it fell, the Germans dived to the ground. The water bottle was filled with explosive, and when it went off two of the Gordon Highlanders were killed.

The N.C.O. in charge immediately shot all three Germans. It was a stupid trick on the part of the Nazis, for it really meant that they were committing suicide.

Gradually all the platoon got into position on the far side of the wood. A German machine-gun was holding up the advance of the Black Watch. 2nd Lieut. Thom's platoon soon put the gun out of action.

Three Germans came out of the wood beyond with their hands above their heads and came straight over to the part of the wood held by Mr Thom's platoon. It was a miracle that they got across the open space without being hit.

They were made prisoner. When they were being marched away, however, a trench mortar shell exploded near them, Mr Thom was hit and his servant was killed. Four other men were wounded, including one of the Germans. The wounds were not serious.

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Before the attack it was believed that the Gordons would have to pay a heavy price to take the wood. But they outmanoeuvred the Germans so cleverly that their casualties were far fewer than was expected.

Elsewhere along the front the attack had failed. The French tanks and infantry were held up in the centre, and a withdrawal was ordered.

The Colonel made a tour of the new positions and gave a word of congratulation to the men. Some hours later, however, he had to order them to retire from the wood they had so gallantly won. So at six o'clock in the evening, to their disappointment, they started back along the paths over which they had fought in the morning, machine-gunners from the Kensingtons taking over the defence of the wood until the Gordons got clear.

They went back to the neighbourhood of the village of Manering, where they stayed during the night. "A" Company had withdrawn to the left of the line, with "B" and "D" on their right. "C" was in reserve in the village.

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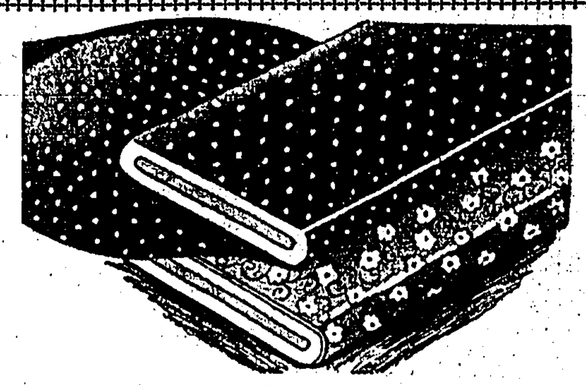

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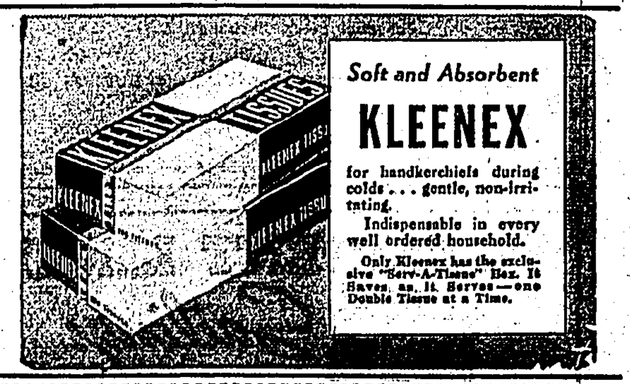

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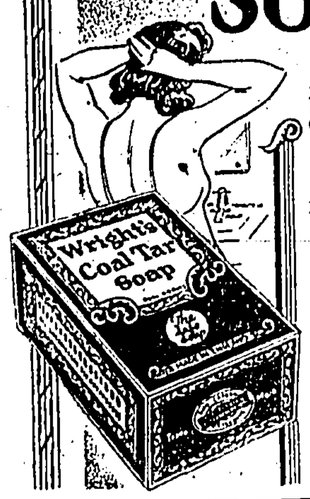

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RICE MONOPOLY

THE joint decision of the Hongkong Government and the Shanghai Municipal Council to achieve a monopoly of rice imports and exports in their respective ports is drastic, but will be generally applauded. Wholesale merchants have been given plenty of opportunity of conforming to regulations and thereby retaining their business; but because of their greed and unscrupulous behaviour some have forfeited the confidence of both Government and public alike.

The suppression of legitimate private enterprise has never been the policy of the Colony's authorities; if anything the tendency has been to pander to these interests without inquiring too closely into the manner in which the public either benefits or suffers. In the case of the wholesale rice dealers, however, it is clear that the time has come when strong-arm action is necessary. All sections of the community are being victimised, although the under-privileged Chinese classes are made to suffer the keenest because rice is their staple food. This paper wholeheartedly supports Government's corrective action, at the same time insisting that vigorous measures must, if neccesary, be applied to ensure that the desired results of the monopolistic scheme are achieved.

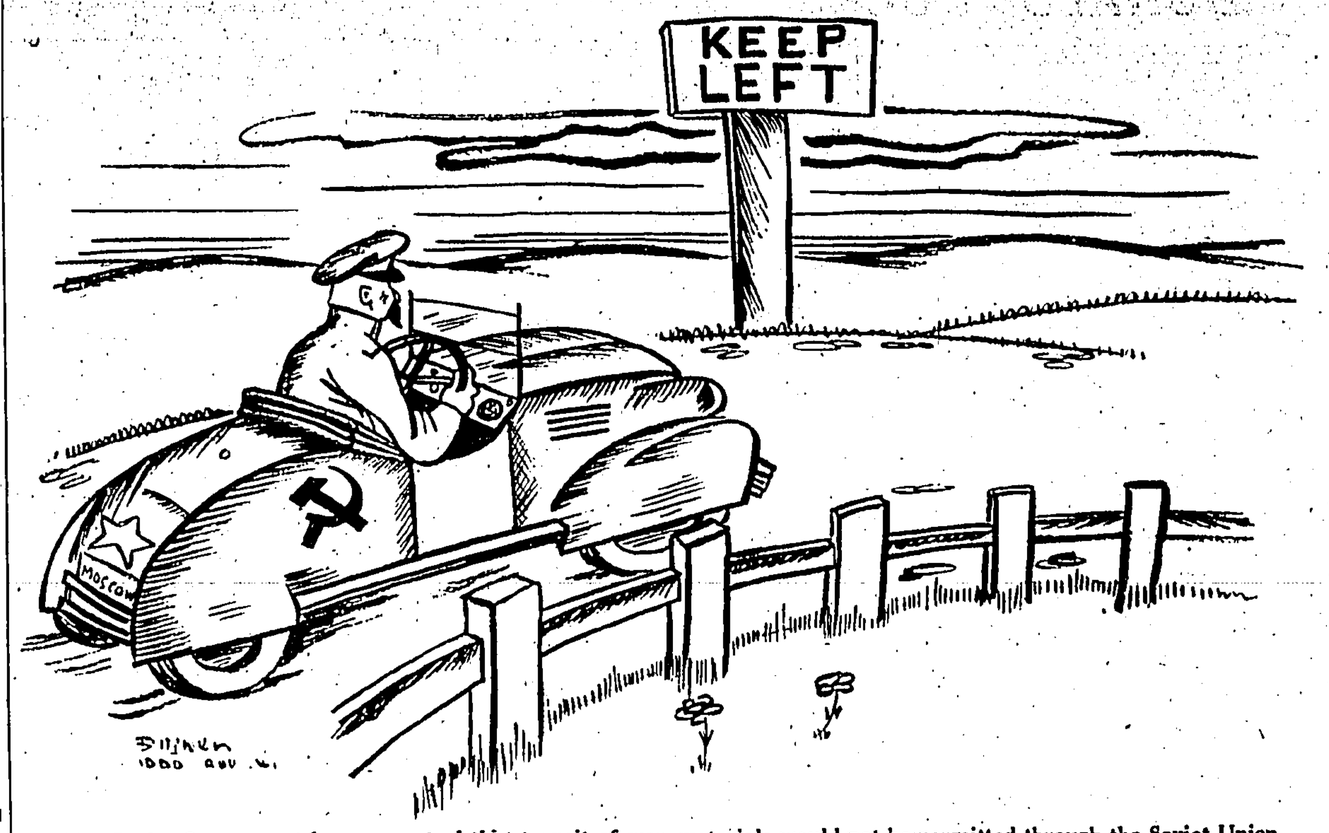
Latest official statements indicate that Government will sell to retailers at the lowest prices possible, thus helping to bring the different grades of rice within the purses of all. This is not the whole of the problem. Allegations have been frequently made of late that dealers are mixing the grades, attempting to sell the lower grades when the best type of rice has been requested, and generally speaking to exact the utmost profit from purchasers who find themselves helpless to obtain redress or satisfaction.

If this sort of thing continues after the inception of the official monopoly scheme, the next step must be to set up Government distributing centres where customers can be sure that they are not being exploited. Retail rice merchants would be well advised to heed the warning contained in the Government's action against the wholesalers; they may rest assured that they will be permitted a fair profit under the official monopoly, but any abuse of their privileges must be expected to reap a just reward—the forfeiture of their businesses.

The public on their part have something to contribute to the successful functioning of the new scheme. They are asked to accommodate themselves to the softer and less popular Burma rice; this is necessary because of a fairly acute shortage of rice from Thailand and Indo-China and of the uncertainty of being able to secure regular rice supplies from other sources. The Chinese will not welcome this, for there has long been an antipathy towards the Burma product, but exceptional circumstances govern the rice situation, and unless there is a willingness to be adaptable, the time may come when the public will be confronted with the alternative of consuming the Burma rice or starve.

ADVICE TO MOTORISTS

By BILLIKEN



The Soviet Government has announced that transit of war materials would not be permitted through the Soviet Union.

NORAH WHITESTONE,

1940 Hongkong Evacuee, writes from Australia on

Broken Friendships, Rotten Housing, Empty Hours

NOW THAT UNRELIABLE FIRST IMPRESSIONS have given place to less hasty and more measured judgment; now that the initial exhilarating thrills have merged into the rhythm of the work-a-day world—how are our evacuees in their sixth or seventh month of exile coping with the situation?

And "exile" is still, I fear, with almost universal assent, the well-chosen word.

Though the sustaining hope that to-morrow, next week, next month, would bring at least some hint, some eagerly clutched and nourished rumour of speedy return to home and kindred has perforce given place to a sighing, reluctant resignation, any definite signs of our merging painlessly into the life of our temporary domicile are difficult of perception.

The prevalent "matyness" of the Australians has, obviously, not infected us. More than one friendship of long standing has crashed; others exist only at the peril of the next sharp word, the next slight misunderstanding. Mrs S.... will now pass her close companion in Hongkong, Miss T...., on George Street with a brief refrigerating nod, or, if feeling unusually amiable, she may stop and utter a few equivocal remarks—merely hastening the disruption of diplomatic relations.

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But I, personally, have met with a vast amount of unselfish kindliness and interest, both on the part of established Hongkong friends and from those hitherto unknown to me. And, generally speaking, when sickness, sorrow or other affliction rears its ugly head amongst us, the community rallies with enthusiastic selflessness. We are, really, perhaps not so feline as my opening paragraph might suggest.

Widely scattered are we in the seemingly interminable and not too inspiriting suburbs. No club or community binds us together. The idea of a monthly tea party for Hongkongites in Sydney succumbed, apparently of inanition. Transport is expensive and usually a dreary experience (always excepting the lovely ferry trips of Sydney), the suburbs a sprawling, difficult-to-get-at expanse, and meetings therefore difficult.

An undeniable cause of our devastating ennui is the lack of occupation. Some of the younger members have engaged in office work, and one Gap Roader is radiating happiness as the valued assistant to the premiere costumiere, but, taking things by and large, our hosts do not appear too eager to include us in their payrolls. And no breathless anxiety is evident of any fervent wish to rope us in for voluntary war work. It is not suggested, however, that we evacuees would not be as welcome as the native-born product. But never have I encountered such a congregation of the female sex, and they for the most part elderly, and often infirm.

A suggestion was hazarded by some committee or other that we should engage in domestic work (I can imagine the sly, quiet smiles of Amah and Cookie) but, even assuming the will upon our part, domestic conditions in this country are so unfamiliar as to render our value in this sphere problematical. One enterprising would-be pioneer was asked if she could milk!

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THE COMFORT AND SUITABILITY OF ACCOMMODATION varies from near zenith to nadir. Most fortunate are those who have secured small houses or flats. Some of the former are charming, modern both in construction and appointments, with smooth lawns and peaches, plums and lemons in the well-kept gardens. These favoured of fortune have the inestimable privilege of being obliged to work—not just doing something when they feel like it. But rank and file must sustain life unenthusiastically in "guest" houses or in mongrel habitations termed "Residentials," where accommodation usually consists of a ghastly arrangement of a bedroom with gas-ring and cooking utensils lurking with false modesty behind a screen. The furnishings and appointments of these habitations are usually incredibly ancient, soiled and dispiriting.

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A NOVEL FEATURE—at least to me—is the laundry, which is attached almost universally to the kitchen premises, to which each female inhabitant repairs for the washing, not merely of the silken hose which they have always done themselves, but of all personal garments. We are learning quite a lot, and may be able to give Amah points in the near distant (it is trusted) future.

Since landing in Melbourne in August, 1940, I have lived in not less than seven abodes (including two hospitals) and of that number only one could be said to be by any means a tolerable substitute for home. This shining exception is presided over by Jews.

Though geographically lovely, Sydney seems somewhat too "tough" for some tastes. The attitude seems to be that each and every individual is an incipient criminal or, at the best—or worst, a potential breaker of the laws, merely awaiting a convenient opportunity for the exercise of innate nefarious proclivities. And so, this fresh and sparkling March morning, I write under the willows and gums of lovely Old Cremorne, upon an ancient stone table thoughtfully placed by the City Fathers to gain a poignantly beautiful view of the glittering bay beneath. And to-night, I renounce the glories of nature and flee the discomforts of the "guest" house for the dismal plains, the inky seas and blasting winds of Melbourne—but also, I know, to the kindly welcome of the sympathetic and understanding Jews. Perhaps long centuries of oppression have instilled into their blood tolerance, friendliness and comprehension of the feelings of roaming exiles of other nations.

A surprising feature of all terrains is the comparative absence of bird life, even in well-wooded districts, and of song birds there is practically no sign. Never a hint of the exhilarating dawn chorus which, to many of us, is one of the most cherished memories of our home-land! Possibly Australians, like Italians—pardon the comparison!—believe that a mellifluous voice is usually accompanied by peculiarly edible qualities, and that the proper sphere of lark and thrush is under the pie-crust! Their favourite is a gloomy-feathered little chap called the Kookaburra (Laughing Jackass, I believe) whose insane, rollicking cackle recalls past memory of Hanwell Lunatic Asylum. My role was that of visitor, by the way!

Hopes Are Rising In France

Reports derived from Paris directly indicate that, though the material position in Occupied France is steadily deteriorating, the spirit of the people has become much more hopeful.

Resistance to the idea of collaboration with Germany is now complete except for a mere handful of traitors utilised by the Germans.

This attitude has developed despite the fact that the German-controlled Press and radio are extremely active in Paris. Two lines of propaganda are being especially followed.

One is that the new Rassemblement National Populaire will eventually become the Government of France, presumably with M. Laval at its head. The other is that French prisoners in German hands will be released as soon as "real collaboration" is established.

• *"Everybody Indifferent"*

A person who was in Paris very recently said that the question whether France was to be regarded as a Republic or a "State" left everybody indifferent. Asked whether there was much feeling against Jews and Freemasons, he said the two were somewhat confused in the public mind.

There existed a fairly strong prejudice against Jewish influence without, however, support being given to harsh legislation. The Nazi doctrine of "racial purity" was rejected entirely.

NAVAL POLICY OF UNITED STATES

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (Domei). — The Foreign Policy Association report declared that creation of the two-ocean navy might justify the acquirement by the United States of naval footholds in the Eastern Atlantic and Singapore and Australia and over in West Africa.

The report stated that all-out United States aid to Britain was only a second type of action to prevent the Axis control of the high seas.

It is most important to extend "the bulwark of the outer naval defences" through the acquisition of bases, especially in the neighbourhood of Brazil.

Although the question of bases in the Azores, Cape Verde and Canary Islands and Singapore is controversial, the report goes on, "such moves could be justified."

Ship & Bombers To Britain

All-out aid to Britain may best be obtained by granting the United States destroyers, cruisers, submarine-chasers, patrol boats and patrol bombers. The report said that the United States is building the two-ocean Navy against the possibility of the British collapse or the destruction and capture of the British Navy.

Even should the Axis use all capital ships against the United States, authoritative computations indicate that the Axis is currently enjoying only the odds of five to three in battleships which are insufficient for a successful action against the Western Hemisphere since odds of three to one are believed necessary, the report said.

Monopoly of Building

The report urged investigation into naval construction costs, asserting that whereas the United States 35,000-ton ship is costing $70,000,000 to $100,000,000, the battleship King George's cost is estimated at $28,000,000.

"It has been charged, firstly, that through a quasi-monopoly, a few enterprises are able to control private naval construction and to raise prices; secondly, naval officials are showing insufficient concern for economy; thirdly, the practices in Government yards are inefficient although their cost is below private contractors," the report pointed out.

War Reaches Antarctic

German Operations

BOSTON, May 5 (Reuter).—Germans and Japanese have been in the Antarctic and British naval forces have blown up a Norwegian whaler repair ship in Deception Bay to prevent her use by the Germans.

These reports have been brought back to the United States from Little America by members of Admiral Byrd's expedition who returned to-day.

The officers stated that rumours of German operations near Deception Island came to them from other mariners but the captain of Admiral Byrd's ship, North Star, declared that before the ship left the Antarctic he saw a Japanese whaler manoeuvring off the coast.

Repair Shops Maintained

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BOSTON, May 5 (UP).—Members of the United States Antarctic Expedition to-day reported that Germany had maintained Antarctic naval repair shops at Deception Island harbour, 000 miles from the South American coast until they were blown up a few months ago.

Dr Paula Siple head of the west base of the expedition in Little America said that he had received information from a "high Chilean naval officer" that "the shops were built by three German explorers who were in the area in 1938. The officer said the shops were blown up so you may draw your own conclusions as to who may have done this."

It is speculated that the base may have been used by the Graf Spee.

Admiral Byrd asserted his explorations have given the United States claim to 1,000,000 square miles of territory. He added that definite claims would be deferred pending conferences with Argentine and Chile.

Diplomatic Refugees

MADRID, May 5 (Reuter).—Altogether 107 Yugo-Slav diplomats and Consular Staff, formerly in Italy, have arrived at the port of Bou on the Franco-Spanish frontier in a special train which will continue to Madrid this evening.

It is understood that they will remain in Madrid a few days and will then proceed to Lisbon with the intention of going to the United States.

Yugo-Slav Ships Held

Latest U. S. Action

NEW YORK, May 5 (Reuter).—United States Coast Guard authorities announced to-day that Coast Guardsmen have boarded Yugo-Slav ships as a precautionary measure at Brooklyn, New York, but declared that the ships had not been "seized."

This announcement followed a report in the New York "Journal-American" that the Yugo-Slav ships, Sereca, Nepi and President Kpajpic have been taken over.

Coast Guardsmen said: "When the Coast Guard receives certain rumours, we take certain action."

The "Journal-American" reported that the President Kpajpic had attempted to flee but was captured off Staten Island at the entrance of New York harbour.

Allegiance Test

Coast Guard Headquarters stated that it understood the reason for the move was to determine whether the officers and crews of the vessels were loyal to King Peter or to the new government established in Yugo-Slavia.

Inspection of the ships is believed to have established that they are loyal to King Peter and Britain and no further action is being taken although a close watch will be kept on the ships.

There are 17 Yugo-Slav ships in United States ports at present.

Smuts On American Intervention

CAPE TOWN, May 5 (Reuter).—"America will come into the war," said General Jan Smuts in the Senate to-day, "not as a result of propaganda but because her people feel that she should participate. No nation which thinks of the future can remain out of the war."

Stressing his belief in future co-operation between nations, General Smuts said: "I don't see any one nation playing top dog over all the rest."

The day must surely come, he said, when America, Great Britain and the Commonwealth of Nations must be very much closer than in the past. He blamed the spirit of competition among nations and the desire of one nation to play overlord for the "present catastrophic happenings."

Escape From Internment

To Join Allied Forces

(BY "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 5 (After escaping from internment in Djubuti, French Somaliland, three members of the R.A.F., six South Africans and two Greeks eager to join the Greek forces have arrived in British Somaliland.

The R.A.F. men landed in French territory when they ran short of fuel on their way back from a raid. They made a landing in darkness and miraculously escaped when one remaining bomb in the rack exploded. They were imprisoned and later sent to Djibuti.

The South Africans similarly had made a forced landing in French territory, believing themselves in British territory. They were also sent to Djibuti.

Their escape was well-planned. After crossing the border, two of the men left the others and crossed overland to Zeila against a blistering wind which whipped the salt sand in their eyes and faces. At Zeila they were able to arrange for a dhow to be sent to fetch the others and they have all now rejoined their formations.

CANADIANS IN WAR DEBATE

Judicious Spending

OTTAWA, May 5 (Reuter).—Expressing confidence in the people to face the sacrifices imposed by the new taxes, the Opposition Leader of the Canadian House of Commons, Mr R. B. Hanson, opened by the Budget Debate, and warned the Government that there was widespread dissatisfaction over the manner in which the money was being spent.

Peacetime expenditure must be cut to the bone, he said. He was equally confident that the Canadians demand was for the same high and inspiring leadership which Mr Churchill was giving Britain and which President Roosevelt was giving the United States, lighting the way and guiding the people along the path to ultimate victory.

Wallop To Enemy

TORONTO, May 5 (Reuter).—The fight for freedom will be won "because Canada as well as Britain and all those associated with her will stop at nothing that can effectively be done to ensure the overthrow of Nazlism" declared the Minister of Defence, Colonel Ralston in a speech here to-day.

He believed that the events of the past week—steps by the United States for increased aid to Britain—had given the enemy a "mighty wallop."

Reviewing the growth of Canada's armed forces, Col Ralston said that the Navy had now 180 ships compared with 15 before the war, while the Canadian Royal Air Force had grown in strength to 50,000 men.

Nazi Raiders Pay Dearly

Many Downed Over British Isles

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The German air force lost at least eight bombers on Sunday night to the fire of British night fighters, anti-aircraft guns and a destroyer when the principal targets were Northern Ireland and northwest England, including—for the fourth night in succession—Merseyside.

The destroyer Southdown, it became known to-night, raised the night's total to just half that of Saturday night when she was attacked by a twin-engined German bomber. Her fire caused the raider to burst into flames and crash into the sea.

The Southdown proceeded on her course without having suffered any casualties.

Daylight Success

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—Two German planes were shot down during daylight to-day when a small number of enemy aircraft crossed the southeast coast of Britain.

Bombs were dropped at a point in the southeast and there were bursts of machine-gun fire but little damage was done and there were no casualties.

One plane was destroyed by an R.A.F. pilot who was merely out testing his guns. He and his Squadron Leader were making for a suitable place to fire cannon shells when two German fighters were spotted.

It is now known that in the attack on Merseyside on Friday night, another enemy bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, making a total of six destroyed that night.

Scotland Visited

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—German raiders attacked central and west Scotland in face of heavy barrages to-night. Bombs were dropped on the east coast of England.

Amazing New U. S. Plane

Too Fast To See

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LOS ANGELES, May 6 (UP).—The Lockheed-38 was demonstrated to the public for the first time to-day and is so fast that it disappears before it can be heard.

Thirty thousand persons saw the plane knife across the sky and vanish before the twin motors were heard. It climbed vertically and the speed attained is believed to be more than 500 m.p.h.

The design is perfect but it is believed that it will fly 400 m.p.h. on three quarters throttle. It carries two rapid fire cannon and four or six heavy machine-guns.

Vichy On Fuehrer's Speech

Importance Of Time

VICHY, May 5 (Reuter).—By dint of dating its observations on Hitler's speech from Berne, the Vichy news agency contrives to comment comparatively freely upon it.

The agency quotes the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Bund," as attributing great importance to Hitler's exhortation to the German people to increase the national effort in war production.

The correspondent continues: "Hitler is doubtless aware that American aid constitutes an important element in the British resistance. Consequently he considers that an increase in armaments production is indispensable. There is reason to believe that compulsory national labour service in the Reich will shortly be applied to all women and girls not employed in agriculture and war industries.

Extreme Efforts

"Germany wants to push her efforts to the extreme to prevent the time factor coming into play. Hitler thinks, perhaps not without reason, that a final increase in the national labour effort is still possible."

The correspondent, states the Vichy agency, concludes by remarking that the speech gave it to be understood that Hitler considers the task of wiping out Britain, notwithstanding American aid, as a very risky undertaking but that now he has to go through with it to the end.

Disappointed Germans

ZURICH, May 5 (Reuter).—First comments on Hitler's speech to appear in the Swiss press to-day stress the fact that he disappointed his audience through his inability to repeat the promise that the war would be finished this year.

Swedish Reaction

STOCKHOLM, May 5 (Reuter).—Hitler's omission of any reference to Germany's relations with the United States in Sunday's speech, says the newspaper "Aftonbladet," probably means that the atmosphere is too changed to allow utterance regarding German plans. A declaration by Hitler regarding the consequences of the Roosevelt policy had been expected, but "Berlin obviously prefers to continue to await the result of the internal trial of strength in the United States."

ABYSSINIA

Italian Counter Raid Repulsed

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—A communique states that in the Debub area of Abyssina, Indian troops occupied Emadani and Uiethert on May 3. During the course of this operation, a heavy counter-attack by the enemy in greatly superior forces was driven back, leaving an officer and 250 other ranks prisoners in our hands.

"Yesterday further important positions were occupied and the advance upon Amba Alagi is steadily proceeding.

"A large number of enemy troops have surrendered. The number has not yet been counted.

"In the southern districts further progress is reported by all our columns operating in pursuit of the enemy."

Situation Looks Good

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—Reviewing the position in Abyssinia, the spokesman said that the British threat to Amba Alagi continued to make progress. Indian troops, mostly Wahlis, had been doing real mountaineering, dragging guns and supplies up the mountainside. The situation looked good.

Prisoners had been taken and a counter-attack had been defeated.

Egypt Sends Message To Iraq

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—The Egyptian Government have decided to send a message to the Iraqi Government, says a statement issued by the Egyptian Prime Minister's office to-night, according to the Cairo wireless.

The statement adds: "Egypt, which is tied to Iraq by bonds of sympathy and friendship, hopes very sincerely that the causes of the incident which started this conflict will be removed and that the usual good relations between Iraq and her great Ally will be re-established."

The Statement

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—The Egyptian Prime Minister, in his statement to-night, said: "The authorities in Iraq will undoubtedly appreciate that grave responsibility rests on their shoulders especially in these critical circumstances. We sincerely hope that both parties will reach a favourable solution of the present dispute which will restore peace and tranquillity to Iraq, and that the war will not be extended to that part of the world."

Governor Of Burma In Hongkong

Commander the Hon. Sir Archibald Cochrane, Governor of Burma, and the Hon. Lady Cochrane, have arrived in the Colony from Rangoon. They are staying at Government House as guests of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote.

TOBRUK BATTLE CONTINUES

Counter-Attack By British Forces

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—On the night of May 3-4, our troops at Tobruk launched a counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and broke up preparations which were being made for a renewal of attack, says a communique.

In the Sollum area, our mechanised forces were again active. Several enemy detachments were successfully engaged with losses in personnel and armoured fighting vehicles.

Dent In Defences

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—A Military spokesman described the position at Tobruk to-day as "Both sides are still licking their wounds."

On the first day of this attack, he added, the enemy made a breach of 2,000 yards like a blister in the southwest part of the outer perimeter but new British defence lines have been built across this point which was some miles from the inner defence line.

The spokesman said that it was quite probable that the enemy had lost a total of 50 thnks so far.

Communications by sea remained open and a number of prisoners had already been shipped.

Noted U. S. Playwright In Hongkong

Clare Boothe Luce

Clare Boothe Luce, the American author of that witty and sardonic play, "The Women," went to Europe a year ago to "see about the war" for herself—heading for "a world where men have decided to die together because they are unable to find any way to live together."

Now she is here with her husband and they are going to see what conditions are like in Chungking and China.

In "European Spring," she gives a brilliant account of her talks with statesmen, soldiers and the ordinary people she met.

Miss Boothe proved herself a highly intelligent and severely critical observer, though, as she admits, she was occasionally wise after the event.

A homeside reviewer said of her: If sometimes her judgments about individuals are wrong, her heart is always in the right place, passionately on the side of democracy. Her last chapter—a series of questions to the American people—is a reasoned plea for intervention: "The situation as it stands in America is just about as it stood last spring in Europe."

Some of the best things in the book are in the footnotes:

The only other "great man" I ever refused to meet was in Germany in 1937—Adolf Hitler. But for quite different reasons. I suppose the simplest way to put it is that I was deathly afraid, being a woman, I might just once smile on him. And all the human curiosity in the world would not, I felt, justify to myself that small but fatal hypocrisy.

Hague Placidity

Miss Boothe arrived at The Hague three days before the "rape of Holland." High officials were "placidly" discussing the prospects of invasion, and in an account of a talk with M. Snouck Hurgronje, Permanent Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs, she states that the Dutch Government knew five days before that the Germans were going to invade Norway.

She said: "You knew five days before? Did you tell the French and English about it?" "Certainly not," he said indignantly. "Why should we? They're not our allies."

Miss Boothe discovered that "in inner Cabinet circles in France they did not talk about war, but about politics, and they did not really care about democracy, but about their own nation."

Ciano's Slang

As entertaining as anything in "European Spring" is Miss Boothe's witty account of a talk in Rome with Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister. Proud of his knowledge of American slang, he invited her to "shoot the works," adding that she could say anything she liked to him.

She put some pertinent questions, but after two hours she "learned nothing, nothing at all."

At Lisbon, waiting for the Clipper to take her home, she met Noel Coward. She told him that France was going to surrender. Noel Coward said: "England will never, never surrender."

They talked of Hollywood where the film magnates were waiting "until the war in Europe blew over."

"Blows over what," I asked—"the Atlantic?" That witty remark really sums up Clare Boothe's book.

Food For France From United States

VICHY, May 5 (Reuter).—Two French freighters, Ile de Re and Leopold, laden with 14,000 tons of American flour, have arrived at Marseilles from the United States, says the Vichy news agency.

The gift will enable free rations to be distributed on three Sundays with the active help of the general delegate from the Red Cross in Europe, Mr Allen, the agency adds.

Dr William Lovelock has consented to give a second Pianoforte Recital during his stay in Hongkong. This Recital will again be given under the auspices of the Hongkong Chamber Music Club, at 9.15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, at Government House.

Japanese Economic Control

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 5 (Domei).—Reinforcement of Government responsibility for the price control policy and closer co-operation of civilian experts will form the keynote of the proposed reform of the Price Control Commission.

According to the reform plan which will be formally decided upon by the Cabinet Council on Friday, the Commission will be headed by the Premier, Prince Konoye, as the Chairman, while Mr Masatsune Ogura, Minister without Portfolio, and Lieut-General Teiichi Suzuki, Governor of the Planning Board, will become Vice-Chairmen.

Government will undertake formulation of the policy for controlling commodity prices and in determining the policy all important factors in resources, mobilisation and wartime economy such as materials, funds, labour and transport, will be taken into consideration.

In order to forestall dogmatic errors by the Government, the knowledge, wisdom and experiences of civilian experts will be used.

Buying Up Cereal Crops

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 5 (Domei).—Tightening State control of cereals, the Government has decided to buy up all wheat, barley, oats and rye from farmers.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry will shortly promulgate revised regulations concerning the control of these cereals. The Ministry enforced the regulations for the control of distribution of cereals in June, last year, while the regulations for the controls of distribution of wheat were enforced in July, last year.

Control of barley, ryes and oats has hitherto been carried out through the Industrial Union. The projected control scheme, however, is designed to exercise a unified and more effective control of all these cereals through the Government agency so as to insure the supply of food resources in the time of war.

Chiang's Concern Over Panamanian Chinese

CHUNGKING, May 6 (Central News).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is showing deep concern over the Chinese who have been forced to return to China owing to the new restrictions imposed by the Panama Government.

He has instructed the Secretariate of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters to send a telegram to Mr Chow Chi-kang, Vice Chairman of the Commission on Oversees Affairs, for transmission to over 100 Chinese who have arrived in Hongkong, expressing concern over their conditions and commending their patriotic fervour.

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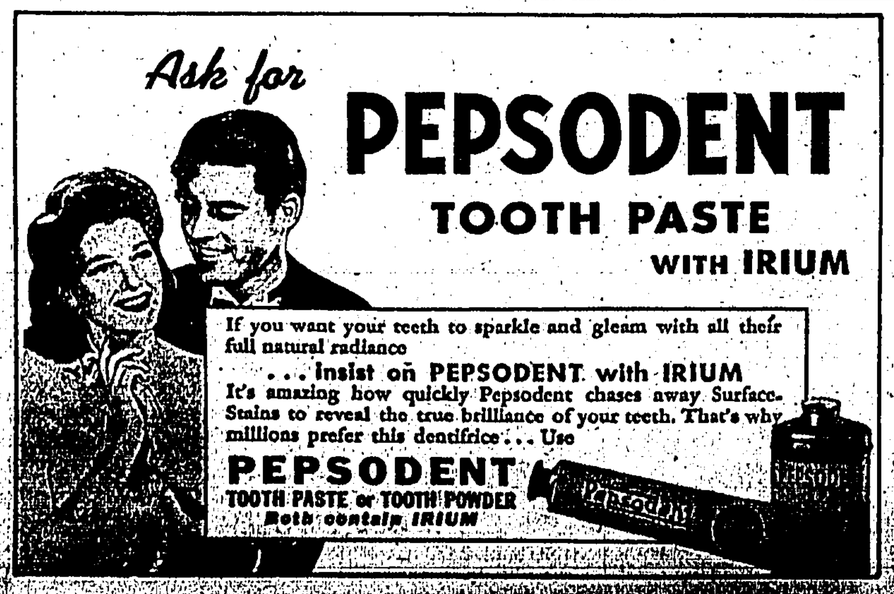

Forum's Final Softball Victory Of 1940/41

Rookie College Girls Team Register First Win

Sappers' Season Opens Well

(By "Ball Fan")

Sweeping along on high, in unison with the well-known jinx, the Maple Leaf Canadian Chinese kept closely in line with the "downward dive", as they lost a heart-breaking ball game, 3-2, to A. R. Kitchell's pep-playing English Forumers.

The Truelight Girls' School's new born softball team came through with their initial win over the weekend, soaring through on an 11-2 triumph over Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa Maroonettes in a featured melee at the Stubbs Road ball stadium.

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GASHOUSE Oliver's Royal Canadian baseballers took another nose-dive in their spring training confabs, as they dished up some real screwy ball in a pinch-scoring game against the Royal Engineers at the Caroline Hill sand park.

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THE English public restortists snatched the winning tally in the final stanza of this "classic with tradition" when hurler Bill Kwan, running for pinch-hitter S. S. Chung who had singled to centre, raced home with the winning labelled run on a passed ball.

For five forlorn innings the Canadian Chinese held a two run lead with a solitary marker in the 3rd frame on a torrid double by sacker Youngie Lee, which swept G. G. Lee across the platter, and a 5th stanza "last hope" tally on successive bingles by Bill Ing, G. G. Lee and Ross Mark.

The winner's two gifted runs in the 6th frame, which sent A. R. Kitchell and Cecil Winglee whizzing acrossing the rubber pan with the tying tallies, started the listless Canucks on their journey "down behind the eight ball way." The highly favoured Maple Leafs played "kibitzing" ball throughout the entire seven innings and were taken for a heap long ride by an inspired Forum nine.

Winning hurler Bill Kwan threw a steady game to hold the North Americans to four scattered blows, and was backed by a highly consistent infield and sure fingered outfielders.

Youngie Lee's double to centre in the 3rd canto was the only extra base clout of the fray which featured two weak willowed ball teams in real feeble hitting form.

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THE rookie Truelighters from Pak Ho Tung bunched nine solid blows to flash in on a "debut" win over the Chinese Maroons, with eleven tallies crossing the old platter. Led by the prodigious clouting of hindsnatcher Margery Woo and Lai Bik-wong, who both smashed out crushing home runs, the youthful scholars took the lead with single tallies in the 2nd and 3rd stanzas, adding three more markers in the next frame on successive singles by Ellen Ling, Tam Sau-chik and outfielder Ho Yit-lin.

The Chung Hwa lassies broke into the scoring in their half of the 4th with a circuit clout to deep left by newcomer Y. Poon whose starry display at the hot corner with six assists marked her as a real Maroon threat for next season's campaign.

Crossing the platter with another winner in the 5th, the fighting school girls climaxed a successful afternoon with a five run scoring outburst in the final canto as shortstop Rosie Lau opened up with a single to left, advancing to second on keystoner Jenny Wong's perfect bunt down the third base line. Slugger Margery Woo brought in her two mates with a clean double to right, stole third and came home on a passed ball. The scoring spree ended after Ellen Ling and Lai Bik-wong scampered across the platter with two more runs.

Chung Hwa Maroons fielded four new players in first sacker Y. S. Nye, third base star Y. Poon, and outfielders Sylvia Tsang and Becky Chan; each showed snappy ball playing ability, and softball fans should find a real powerful Chinese Maroon team out there next season which will be right up there by the top with the contending outfits.

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GAS Oliver's Royal Canadian baseballers took a 5-3 shellacking from the Royal Engineers for their third straight spring session loss at the Caroline Hill sandlot.

Canuck hurler Bill "dazzler" Smith had the sappers cooling the water waggon with his high inside and handsome speedballs, but "Nick Altrock" base-running by his sandlot teammates put the old loss sign on a flashy mound performance.

The well-known "dazzler" allowed two measly bingles and struck out four, but climaxed a sweat-toiling day with a wrenched knee cap in the last frame on an intended swipe to second, and will probably be on the shelf for the next games.

Weekend Stars

Margery Woo and Lai Bik-wong, Truelight—Margery led a determined school girl attack, slashing out a terrific homerun and a sizzling double to drive in four runs; latter limited the Chinese Maroons to four soft bingles in her second softball mound performance.

Pang Kwong and A. R. Kitchell, English Forum—Former made two bingles to pace the winners' willow-wielding brigade; latter played sparkling ball at the windy alley and came in with the first Forum tally in the 6th stanza.

Taylor and Mickey Heath, Royal Engineers—Former sparked a wobbly Sapper infield in brilliant fashion, accepting six chances without a miscue; latter came in with the winning run in the 3rd to set the Maple Leafs out with three losses in a row.

Determination in every line . . . . . Bill Woo (Canucks) belting a big 'un to centre field in the match against the Forum on Sunday. Hal Winglee is behind the mask with Delgado umpiring.—*Ming Yuen.*

Major League Baseball Averages

NEW YORK, May 5 (UP).—Averages in the American Major Baseball Leagues, to date are as follows:

BATTING

American League.—Travis .521; Heath .417; Don DiMaggio .406; Croucher .405; Trosky .387.

National League.—Lavagetto .403; Jurges .393; Etten and Slaughter .385; Handley .368.

HOME RUNS

Camilli 7, McCormick, Nicholson, Joe DiMaggio, Ott and York 5.

RUNS SCORED

Joe DiMaggio 22, Lavagetto 18, Camilli 17, Dom DiMaggio 16, Croucher 16.

RUNS BATTED IN

Keller 23, Doerr 22, Joe DiMaggio, Gordon and Camilli 20.

HITS

Lavagetto 29, Dom DiMaggio 26, Joe DiMaggio, Gordon, Slaughter, Travis and Etten 25.

PITCHING

American.—Bonham and Sundra won 3 lost nil; Johnson and Harder won 2 lost nil.

National.—Casey and Hamlin won 4 lost nil; Warneke, Cooper and Lanier won 2 lost nil.

B.O'M. Deane And Miss J. Smalley Win Club Mixed Doubles

FIRST of the Hongkong C.C. tennis championships was decided at the Club ground yesterday when B. O'M. Deane and Miss J. Smalley (-3/6) beat J. S. Theobald and Mrs Torrible (-15) in the final of the Handicap Mixed Doubles. The score was 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Though errors predominated, the match was nevertheless interesting in that the sides were fairly evenly matched. Deane displayed a great amount of energy and with a reliable volley scored many times at the net.

Miss Smalley contributed her quota of support, exploiting a steady, and at times strong, forehand. It was only in the second and third sets, however, that they were able to strike up any sort of combination for Theobald and Mrs Torrible took the first set in a manner that stamped them as the probable eventual winners.

Theobald had a strong service, and made good use of it. He was somewhat weak overhead, but reliable in his ground strokes. In his partner, Mrs Torrible, he was given a steady service, and this, against the opposition in the first set, meant several points.

Tactics Revised

THE SECOND SET saw a revision of tactics on the part of Deane and Miss Smalley. They adopted a more aggressive style and it succeeded in carrying them through. They took a 5-2 lead, and though Theobald and Mrs Torrible took the next, the eventual winners claimed the 9th game for the set at 6-3.

The final set opened in promising style. The score was 2-all at the end of the 4th game, but Deane and Miss Smalley broke through the opposing service and once more took a 5-2 lead.

Again they lost the 6th game, but made no mistake with the next and won the set and match at 6-3.

King Gains Second Turf Victory

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King gained his second turf victory of the season to-day when his Classic's candidate, Merry Wanderer, won the May Handicap at Nottingham amid great enthusiasm.

Merry Wanderer started at odds 10-1, and ridden by Peter Mahaer, on leave from the Air Force, beat the Duke of Norfolk's 25-1 outsider, Clean Sweep, by eight lengths, with the 3-1 favourite, Salmoneus, owned by the Queen's cousin, the Hon. Mr J. Bowes-Lyon, third.

Rifle Shooting

Results Of Final Meet Held On Sunday

The Rifle Association wound up their season's shooting on Sunday with a shoot in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. Fine weather brought a large number of competitors to the Range for one of the season's most enjoyable shoots, and made for a high standard of shooting.

Spoons and cups were presented for competition by the Affiliated Clubs, and the amount raised was $70.

Mr Gunrd of the Dockyard Rifle Club headed the shooting with a good 87, beating Sgt Cole, with the same score, on the count out. The latter's 44 at 200 yards is worthy of note. Sgt Wall's 46 was the best score at 500 yards.

A prominent feature of the day's programme was the Miniature Rifle shooting, run by the R.A.F., which presented a number of spoons for which there was keen competition.

The .303 Team Shoot was won by the Hongkong Police, with the Volunteers second. Sgt Burnn Singh carried off the Revolver trophy.

RESULTS

Leading scores and prize lists were as follow:

CLASS "A"

H'cap.	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tl.
J. A. Guard 3	42	45	87
Sgt F. Cole Scr.	44	43	87
Cpl S. Naranjan Singh 6	43	42	85
Sgt J. R. Wall Scr.	38	46	84
W.O., F. Tollison Scr.	39	45	84
Sgt N. L. Pan 3	42	42	84
R.Q.M.S., P. Hale Scr.	43	41	84
Sgt F. E. Russell Scr.	38	45	83
Sgt G. E. Breese Scr.	38	45	83
Havildar Bisram Singh Nil	39	44	83
Cpl W. J. Gash Scr.	41	42	83
C.H.M. Nau Ku Nil	42	41	83
L/Cpl G. Pemberton Scr.	38	44	82
Lieut G. J. P. Carey Scr.	40	42	82
Sgt T. Baker 3	40	42	82
Sgt M. F. Rushman Scr.	41	41	82
Cpl F. W. Ewens Scr.	40	41	81
L/Naik Azim Khan Nil	41	40	81
Pte W. Young Nil	42	39	81
N. V. Whyte 2	42	39	81
L/Sgt G. Puran Singh 2	43	38	81
L/Sgt W. R. Nunn Scr.	38	42	80
Cpl R. Langford Scr.	38	42	80

CLASS "B"

L/Sgt J. D. Remedios 5	41	42	83
A.S.I. (R) P. H. Thong 4	40	42	82
Pte A. M. Xavier 6	40	41	81
Pte L. A. Rosario 6	41	40	81
P.C., G. Narain Singh 7	42	39	81
Sgt R. Burkitt 6	39	41	80
P.C., Charan Singh 5	39	41	80
L/Cpl G. M. Dias Azedo 6	38	43	79
R. Tynemouth 6	37	42	79
S.I., (R) H. D. Ta'o 5	38	41	79
Cpl Sher Singh 7	35	42	77
Sgt W. T. Sargent 6	38	39	77
Cpl G. R. Morton 5	36	40	76
Pte W. T. Taylor 7	36	39	75

CLASS "C"

Cpl G. S. Lochrie 8	42	40	82
Piper F. Stewart 8	39	35	74
H.K.S. Blake 8	33	39	72
Lieut J. M. M. Alves 8	34	38	72
Piper R. Milne 8	33	39	72
S.I., (R) A. C. Chan 9	34	37	71
L.A.C., R.A.S., Callaghan 6	36	34	70
Pte R. H. Johnston 8	37	33	70
L/Cpl N. D. Booker 11	37	32	69
Pte W. K. Corneck 8	38	31	69
Sgt L. I. Priddy 8	32	36	68
Pte E. Thornton 10	30	38	68
Pte C. Bellchambers 11	31	33	64
P/O. H. B. Gray 8	31	32	63
Pte A. Buller 9	33	30	63

CLASS "D"

L/Cpl M. S. Lau 13	42	35	77
Pte A. Lim 12	30	38	68
Pte L. Brezny 14	29	32	61
Pte T. Lock 12	29	30	59
Pte F. Gibson 14	24	34	58
Pte G. Carrington 12	32	24	56
Pte W. G. Maycock 14	30	23	53

Winner of Cup and Handicap Spoon will have his Handicap reduced by one Point.

Miniature Rifle Section

Leading Scores in the .22 open sight Competition were:

CLASS "A"

Sep. Phut Singh	nil	92*
Sep. Shambu Singh	nil	92*
Capt G. C. Dawson	3	91*
Sep. Waligat Khan	nil	90
Sep. Ghulam Hadi	nil	89
C.S.M., Hale	1	89
Sgt Cole	5	89
J. A. Guard	3	89
B/M. Kifford	3	87
N. V. Whyte	2	87
Sgt Nunn	2	87
L/Nk. Ikbal Khan	nil	87
Mne Richardson	8	86

CLASS "B"

Sgt Sargent	5	85*
L/Cpl Wood	4	83=
Capt Guest	7	83
Cpl Henley	6	81
Pte V. Sequeira	6	79
R. Tynemouth	5	78
Cpl Lomaev.	6	75
Capt Marsh	7	72

CLASS "C"

Piper Stuart	8	83*
Pte Corneck	8	80
H.K. Blake	8	63

CLASS "D"

Pte Maycock	14	84*
Pte A. Lim	12	80
N. D. Booker	13	72
T. Lock	12	60

The .22 aperture sight team shoot results were: Royal Air Force 377*; Police Reserve 353; Middlesex Regt 354; Police "A" 346; 7th Rajputs "B" 247; 7th Rajputs "A" 231.

* Winner of spoon.

= Tie score gauged out.

Claybird Championships

The annual Claybird Championships were shot off on Sunday morning, Capt. Hyde, of the Manchester Regt, obtaining two of the trophies.

Results were:

Newton Challenge Cup.—1, Capt C. H. R. Hyde. 2, Capt Dawson.

Individual Service Claybird Championship.—1, Capt Hyde. 2, Capt Dawson.

Services Inter-Unit Claybird Match.—1, Headquarters China Command. 2, Middlesex Regt.

Home Soccer Fixtures For May 10

WAR CUP FINAL

Arsenal v. Preston North End (At Wembley).

LEAGUE SOUTH

Portsmouth v. Bournemouth; Watford v. Luton Town.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL

Aldershot v. Queens Park Rangers; Brentford v. Fulham; Cardiff City v. Chelsea; Reading v. West Ham; Stoke City v. Northamptontown; Tottenham Hotspur v. Crystal Palace; Walsall v. Leicester City.

NORTHERN REGIONAL

Bury v. Manchester United; Chester v. Bolton Wanderers; Chesterfield v. Sheffield United; Liverpool v. Tranmere Rovers.

LIVERPOOL CUP

Oldham v. Rochdale; Wrexham v. Manchester City.

REGIONAL MATCH

Mansfield Town v. Grimsby Town.

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP SEMIFINAL

Leeds United v. Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE CUP SEMIFINAL

Burnley v. Blackpool.

OTHER MATCHES

Middlesbrough v. Sunderland.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

Hearts v. Rangers (At Hampden Park, Glasgow).

Golf

Captain's Cup Qualifiers

Results of the Captain's Cup Golf competition held at Fanling during the week-end were:

Old Course.—H. Overy 86-16=70. Qualified. Twenty entries.

New Course.—F. A. M. Elliot 94-18=70. Qualified. Eleven entries.

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S. China Touring Soccer XI To Play R. Scots To-morrow

A soccer match will be played between South China and Royal Scots at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow. It is expected to attract no little attention in view of the fact that a South China side barely managed to draw on Sunday with Middlesex.

Lee Wai-tong will appear for the League and Shield champions, supported by some of the senior team and three Eastern players who will take part in South China's Malayan tour and who will be wearing South China's colours for the first time.

The Eastern players are Hsu Kingzen, Law Wai-kuen and Chung Yungsum. An admission charge of 50 and 30 cents will be made.

The South China team will sail for Singapore next week.

Referees' Meeting

The last monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held at Hotel Cecil at 8 p.m. to-day, when Mr Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, will give an address on "Human nature in Association Football."

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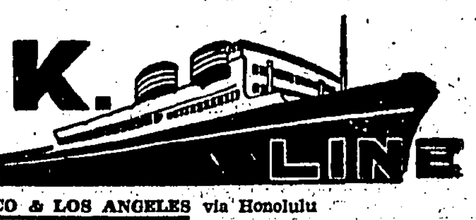

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* Okitu Maru ..... Sunday, 11th May

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The Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution recently wrote to the Hon. Secretary of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong, acknowledging a donation of £750.

Bomber Fund

A total of $1,876,975.50 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd, with the following donations:

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The Hon. Treasurer of the S.P.C.A. acknowledges with thanks the undermentioned donation:

"Blotto" and "Hobo", $10.

Inspector S. C. Saunders, Acting Sub-Inspector C. T. Byron and Sergeants J. G. Whitcroft and McKenzie are now in the Colony having returned from leave in Australia.

Moroccans Would Resist Any Foreign Invader

By Joseph L. Ravotto

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

MARRAKECH, French Morocco, May 4 (UP).—French Moroccans will fight any foreign force which "dares set foot upon our territory." El Hadi Thami El Galoui, his eyes flashing fire as he spoke, told me that when I interviewed him.

Not many people have heard of El Galoui before, but it is a name to conjure with in the vast western reaches of Morocco, from the hot coast of the Atlantic across the wilderness of the Atlas Mountains to the sands of the Sahara. El Galoui is the pasha of the Marrakech region, and probably the Moroccan leader best known in Europe.

He attached no strings to his statement that Moroccans would fight invasion from any quarter. He said that regardless of the attitude of the Vichy government, Moroccans would defend their homeland "with or without French aid."

The gaunt, tall Moroccan received me in his palace in this 800-year-old walled capital, which for generations than can be remembered has been the gateway to the south and the pleasure city of Western Islam.

It is to this city that the fierce and primitive berber tribesmen of the white-crowned Atlas Mountains come to trade with the Nomads of the Sahara and the wandering shepherds of the grazing land nearby.

The pasha expressed admiration for the United States, and said that despite his remoteness from America he had followed the Congressional debate on the Lease-Lend Bill with the greatest interest. He said that he expected much from the United States.

True Friendship

"It is not at the moment of affluence that one really knows his friends," said the pasha. "It is at the moment of adversity when one's very existence is threatened that one's true friends are discovered."

He made it plain that he is a friend of France. He wants to see Morocco being French.

"The United States," he said, "can and must help preserve our civilisations, our ways of living. We can help in many ways to restore France to her former position, but aid must come from the United States."

When I asked him what Morocco's reaction would be in case of invasion, his eyes flashed, and he said in French:

"We would fight anyone who dared set foot on our territory. I personally will lead my men to battle if African soil is violated. We would resist even if we had to resort to sticks and stones."

Bus Girls Ruin City's Traffic

WOMEN conductresses who start work late or not at all, and go home at blackout time leaving their buses stranded, are causing traffic chaos in Bristol.

Major E. J. Chapple, managing director of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., blamed the women in replying to complaints of irregular services in the city.

"We have the buses and we have the drivers," he said, "but what are we to do when probably 70 out of our 500 condustresses do not turn up in the morning."

No Scruples

Major Chapple complained that the women pick the most attractive-sounding jobs offered them at employment exchanges.

"If in a few days they don't like it, they have no scruples about packing up and going to a different job.

DIVORCE RECIPE

JUDGE Joseph Sabath, of Chicago, hearing his 52,679th divorce trial on his 71st. birthday, said that "in-laws, tin-can meals, working wives and crackerbox flats," were the cardinal causes of unhappy marriage.

"I've sat in divorce courts in London, Paris, Munich, Rome, Prague and Vienna, and the causes of divorce are the same the world over."

Sunday Not What It Used To Be

JUDGE Isaacs recently freed 56 residents of Wilmington, Delaware, charged with violation of ancient Sunday observance laws on the grounds that Sunday newspapers, drug stores, neighbourhood stores, restaurants and automobile drives are modern necessities.

"The Lord's Day must be preserved but the stream of life to-day differs vastly from when these laws were enacted," he said.

The State Attorney-General had launched wholesale prosecutions because the Legislature refused to bring the Sabbath observance laws up to date.

More than 500 persons, including newsboys, milkmen and bus drivers were indicted.

Over 7,000 Jews Now Recruited

Further recruiting of Palestinians in five categories of the British Army of the Middle East has just been announced.

Besides Palestinian companies of the Buffs, recruits were sought for the Engineers, the Royal Corps of Signals, the R.A.S.C. and the Pioneer Corps.

With the second company of Royal Engineers and the fifth Jewish infantry company now being formed, the number of Jews serving with the Colours approaches 7,500 of the total of 10,000 Palestinians, according to Mr Shertok head of the political department of the Jewish Agency. He pointed out that this exceeds the number who served in the Jewish regiment during the last war.

Mr Shertok recalled that Jewish recruits were then enlisted in several countries, but now they are only being recruited in Palestine. More than half the Palestinian volunteers are on active service in all parts of Africa. The remainder are either on garrison duties in Palestine or training.

Wallace Beery Wins Case

Alleged Wrongful Arrest

Wallace Beery, film actor, has won a suit brought against him by Allan Whitney for £200,000 damages for wrongful arrest.

Fifteen years ago Whitney, now 28, was a candidate for adoption by Beery.

Whitney was seen loitering near Beery's mansion.

Noah Beery, Wallace's brother, summoned the police, who arrested Whitney on a vagrancy charge. They released him later.

Whitney said Wallace Beery had ordered his arrest because of a grudge, dating from the time Beery had taken him into his home, then ordered him out.

Adopted Daughters

Wallace Beery, 52, has adopted two daughters, Coral Ann, now 9, and Phyllis Ann, 18 months.

When Beery and his wife amicably arranged a divorce in May, 1939, after 14 years' marriage, they decided to share the custody of Coral Ann.

Six months after the divorce Beery adopted Phyllis Ann to be a companion to Coral Ann.

Wind Carried Him Across

A Spitfire pilot baled out nearly four miles above the Straits of Dover recently and people standing on the English coast saw him blown towards Nazi-occupied France by a strong wind while his plane came down on English soil.

One watcher said: "It looked as though he would be carried right across into the Germans' hands. To stand there watching, unable to help, was just maddening.

"We saw him through a gap in the clouds as his plane came flaming down. He had been in a fight with a German formation in a snowstorm."

Boys Wanted Poached Eggs

"Poached eggs on toast, please," ordered three 11-year-old boys in a cafe at Alton (Hants).

"Eggs, indeed," said the proprietor. "Where do you think we get eggs from?"

Taking five eggs from their pockets, the boys said: "That's all right. You toast the bread and we'll give you the eggs."

At Alton Juvenile Court it was disclosed that the boys had stolen the eggs from a farm. For this and other offences they were each ordered six strokes of the birch and placed on probation for a year.

£75 GIFT TO HOSPITAL

The Secretary at St Thomas's Hospital had a pleasant surprise recently when a girl walked into the office and handed over an envelope containing £75 in notes. The girl refused to leave her name, but inside the envelope was a note reading, "Would you please accept this money as a gift to the hospital from a grateful patient of some years ago."

FAMOUS ARCHITECT JOINS REITH'S EXPERTS

MR. T. S TAIT

THE Scotsman who was invited to replan Moscow has joined the team of experts that Lord Reith, Minister for Works and Buildings, is getting together.

He has appointed Mr. T. S. Tait, the famous architect—probably one of the most highly paid in the world—to be his Director of Standardisation.

This is an important and intelligent appointment, for Mr. Tait is at once one of our most brilliant modern architects and one who has shown how standard units can be used to artistic advantage.

He planned the Empire Exhibition at Glasgow on unit lines, with the result that the buildings were assembled in days instead of months.

He was the architect of Scotland's Government buildings on the Calton Hill, acknowledged one of the finest buildings of this period, and he planned it in a restrained modern style.

Belfast Bravely Faces Second Blitz Blow

(By "Reuter's" Staff Reporter)

BELFAST, May 5.—For the second time in three weeks, the Luftwaffe crossed the Irish Sea on Sunday night to strike indiscriminately at this patriotic Northern Ireland city.

Amid the misery of ruined homes, fortitude mingled with tremendous relief that the casualties were not as heavy as at first feared. The blow was, however, severe as the official communique shows with its reference to "much damage to commercial, industrial and residential property."

At a hospital hit in the previous raid and damaged again on Sunday night, I have just been told of the gallantry of the nurses who shepherded to safety their patients—mostly women and children—as flames swept part of the building. Their calm courage was matched by that of the firemen, A.R.P. workers and ambulance drivers who battled through the night to check the fires and to bring in the injured, and by those ordinary men and women whose homes were gone but who, since they felt that they were in this war as completely as any part of Britain now, are not dismayed because they felt its full severity.

Only a few hours after the sun rose on the battered city, tidying-up proceeded as swiftly as possible.

Eire Town Raided

DUBLIN, May 5 (UP).—It is officially stated that an unidentified aircraft early this morning dropped high explosive bombs on a town in County Donegal, smashing windows in the houses in the vicinity. There were no casualties.

Liverpool Carries On

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—After four days and nights of raids, Liverpool is carrying on.

Following a special meeting of the city's Emergency Committee, special arrangements were considered and a statement was issued that Liverpool had passed through a serious trial and the Committee expressed its great appreciation of the spirit in which the citizens had met the crisis.

It was a great inspiration, the Committee added, to know that Liverpool had not been behind other cities in its realisation of the importance of maintaining the steadiness of civic life.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Business Is Dull

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quietly firm.

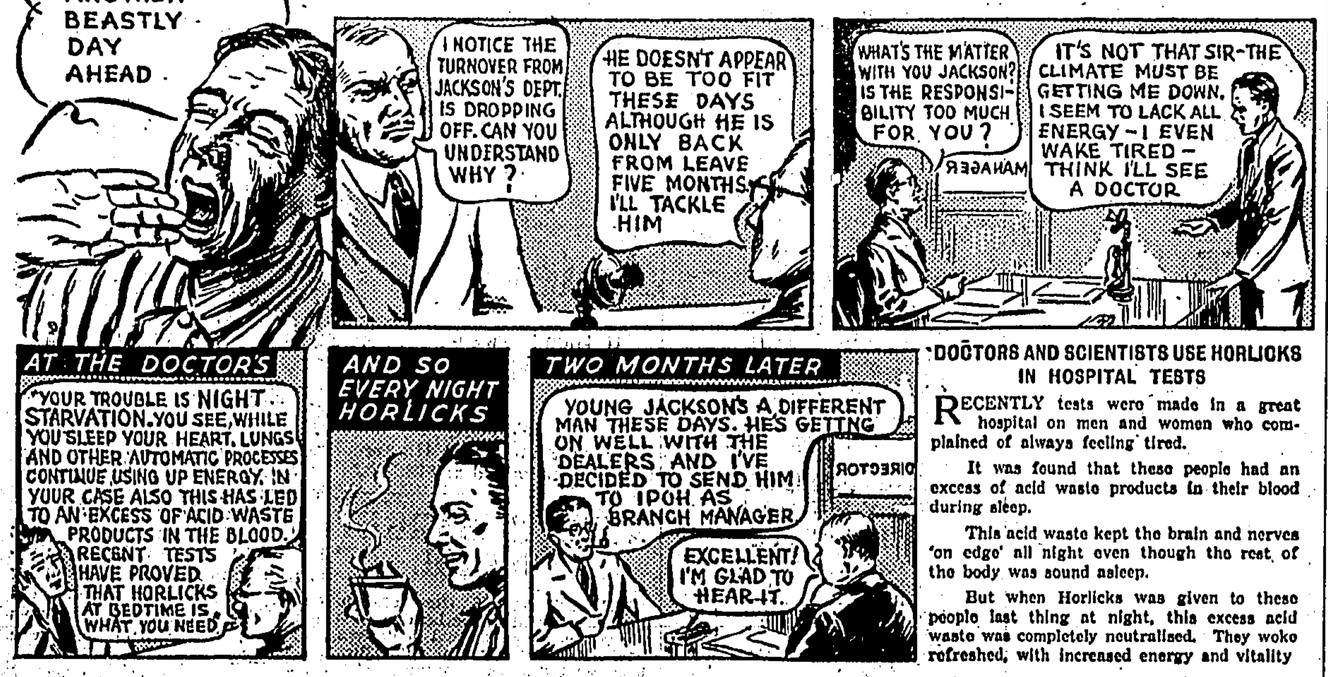
Gilt-edged, home rails and a few leading industrials maintained early small advances but business failed to develop apart from some professional support for home rails.

Oils were dull, Kaffirs were irregular and foreign bonds were inclined to be easy.

Wall Street was quietly steady.

Brigadier General Ross Rowell, and Captain Edward Dyer, American air experts, have left the Colony for Chungking after a brief stay in the Colony. They arrived from San Francisco recently.

ASSISTANT LOSES HIS GRIP... YET ONLY JUST BACK FROM LEAVE!



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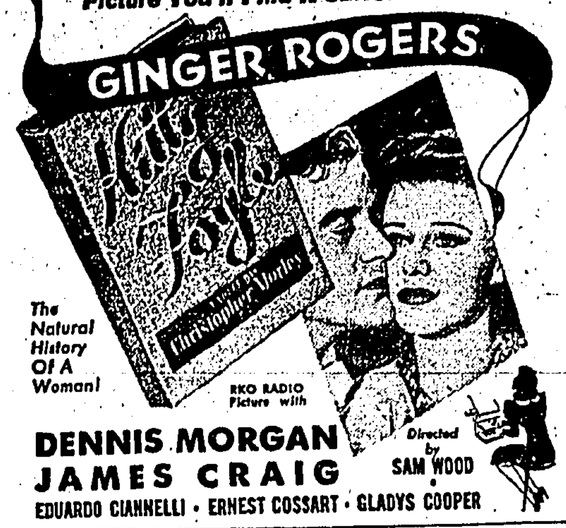

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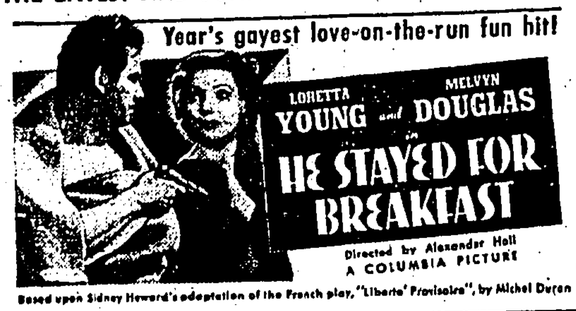

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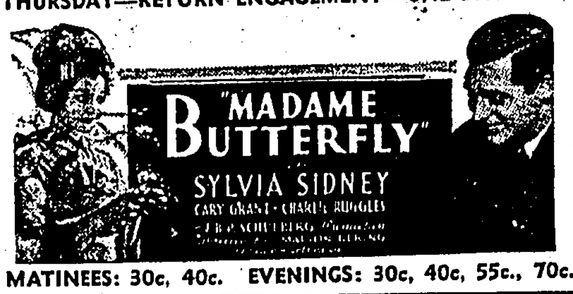

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Superior Air Force Gives Britain Odds

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comparatively inactive yesterday by our aircraft. The garrison of Habbaniyah is intact and has suffered very few casualties from the unprovoked Iraqi attack. A greater part of the Iraqi air force has already been destroyed by our air force either while attempting to attack the British camps or as the result of attacks by our air force on Iraqi air bases.

"After attacking an unarmed British construction gang which was in the vicinity, Iraqi forces on May 2 occupied Ruthbh.

"In the Basra area, our troops remain in occupation without interference.

Situation Delicate

CAIRO, May 5 (UP).—Well informed circles to-day stated that the fighting is continuing around Habbaniyah and that the situation is "a little delicate." An unarmed British construction party in the vicinity of Rutba have probably been taken prisoner. The party consisted mainly of workmen belonging to local tribes but were led by a few British sapper officers and non-commissioned officers.

Warning Leaflets

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—Radio Ankara this evening quoted the Baghdad radio as saying that British planes dropped leaflets on Baghdad warning the population that continued resistance against the British troops would result in the bombing of official buildings and that Baghdad replied that if such is done, Iraq planes will bomb British residences.

It also quoted a declaration by Raschid Ali to the nation and army thanking the nation for the patriotism shown during the first hours of the struggle and assuring the people that it was the Government's aim to safeguard the nation, and to continue to fight on to victory.

Patrols Watchful

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—Successful infantry patrols from Habbaniyah were carried out throughout Sunday night, says an additional Middle East communique issued to-day.

The communique adds that yesterday there was intermittent shelling of the R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah by Iraqi artillery. It was not of a serious nature owing to constant air patrols maintained by British fighters and bombers.

Armoured Cars Used

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—British armoured cars attacked the Iraqi desert fort of Rutbah, states a Beirut message quoted by the German news agency, which claims that the attack was successfully repelled by the Iraqi troops.

German Report

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—Radio Berlin announced that the Iraqi troops have occupied Habbaniyah air base and have completely encircled Basra.

Iraqi Claim

BEIRUT, May 5 (UP).—Iraq sources to-day claimed that two British troop carrying planes have been shot down.

Six hundred non-Syrian students have been dismissed from their classes at the American University after repeated Arab student demonstrations at Behals, Iraq.

Currency Order

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—The Treasury to-day announced that a new order under the defence finance regulations excludes Iraq from the sterling area.

No Nazi Forces

CAIRO, May 5 (Reuter).—There is no evidence of the arrival of German aircraft or officers, it was stated in a review of the position in Iraq in military circles here.

A spokesman estimated the total strength of the Iraqi air force at 120 of all types, hardly any of them modern.

The unarmed party captured at Rutbah, mentioned in to-day's British communique, consisted of three or four British officers and a few soppers, the remainder being local labourers. They were captured by a mobile Iraqi force.

The spokesman said that the situation around Habbaniyah was "a little difficult and delicate."

Apart from the men at Basra and Habbaniyah, the British had only a certain number of construction gangs working on the Baghdad-Haifa Road, which passes through Rutbah.

Relations With Germany

VICHY, May 5 (Reuter).—Iraq is reported to have decided to resume diplomatic relations with Germany, says the Vichy news agency.

Hollanders Keep Up War Spirit

BATAVIA, May 5 (Reuter).—With the objective of Prince Bernhard's Amalgamated Dutch East Indies' Spitfire Fund in sight, ensuring the purchase of a "Rotterdam Bomber Squadron" to avenge the city's destruction, efforts are now being made to raise money to purchase a number of motor torpedo boats for the Royal Dutch Navy to assist the struggle at sea.

Visiting Australasia

BATAVIA, May 5 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr E. N. van Kleffens, and Dr I. J. M. Welter, Minister for the Colonies, have arranged to visit Australia on May 12.

They will then go to New Zealand, from where they will proceed to San Francisco by air.

Queen Wilhelmina

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—The Queen of the Netherlands will be broadcasting in the Radio Orange programme at 6.45 p.m. G.M.T. in the evening transmission of the B.B.C.'s European service on Saturday, May 10.

A Police report states that at 10.30 p.m. yesterday a ferry en route from Mongkok to Kowloon City was nearing Kowloon City when a man named Chung Kow-yee, 45, jumped overboard from the ferry. It is presumed that the man was drowned as no trace of him was found.

Roosevelt Spurs On Country

AIR SUPERIORITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day sent a letter to the Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson, ordering him to hasten the production of heavy bombers with "all possible speed."

"The democracies' command of the air must and can be achieved. Every month the democracies are gaining in the relative strength of their air forces and we must see to it that this process is hastened and that democratic superiority of the air is made absolute. The effective defence of this country and other democratic nations requires a substantial increase in bomber production," the letter stated.

Officer Left Guard For Club

A subaltern of the Grenadier Guards who was in charge of the Whitehall defences—the protection of Government offices and the Houses of Parliament—pleaded guilty at a Chelsea court-martial recently to leaving his guard and going to a club with a lance-corporal and a guardsman.

The officer, Second-Lieutenant Cyril Edwin Dodd, was described by his counsel as "a typical English sportsman."

He also pleaded guilty to charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline in going to the club with Lance-Corporal G. Simmonds and Guardsman L. Sykes, and causing them to be supplied with alcohol.

Dodd, it was stated, had his dinner and left in a W.D. car driven by Sykes and accompanied by Simmonds to go to the round of his posts. They arrived at the last post at about 11.15 p.m., and afterwards went to a club in Earl's Court Road.

Women's Fight Ends In Court

A married Russian woman named Vera Locke, 34, of No. 27 Carnavon Road, had her bail of $10 estreated for failing to appear before Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of disorderly conduct by fighting on May 5.

Chan Siu-ling, 24, widow, of No. 13 Carnavon Road, was bound over in $25 for one year fighting against first Defendant.

It was stated that first Defendant owed some money to second Defendant. Second Defendant went to first Defendant's house and asked to be paid. First Defendant did not pay back the money and as a result a quarrel ensued. The quarrel developed into a fight resulting in Defendants being taken to hospital.

When Defendants next met each other in a ferry they started to quarrel and finally fought. Eventually they both went to a Police Station where they were charged with breach of the peace.

Det.-Sgt H. T. Fraser prosecuted.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday:

Buyers

Bank of East $70
Indo-Chinas (Pref) $80
Providents $4.60

Sellers

Trams $16
Ropes $6.60

Sales

H.K. Bank $1,315
Hotels $2.80
Marsmans Inv. H.K. $1.70

LATE NEWS

Direct Hits On Scharnhorst

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must be regarded as seriously damaged.

Brest A Poor Shelter

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter).—A great load of heavy armourpiercing bombs was carried to Brest on Sunday night by the R.A.F. to drop on the two Nazi battle cruisers, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, states the Air Ministry.

The continued presence of the battle cruisers at Brest after five weeks suggests, adds the Ministry, that either they have developed some grave defect while at sea or what is more probable, that Brest has proved a very poor shelter.

They made for port late in March to be refuelled and to munition the ships.

These tasks can be normally completed in 24 hours.

On Sunday night they showed up clearly under the moon and pilots report very accurate bombing with direct hits on both cruisers. Sticks of the heaviest bombs also fell repeatedly across the dry dock in which one vessel had berthed and about a jetty where others were led up.

Rectangle of Fire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 5 (UP).—The Air Ministry, expanding to-day's communique, claimed that the first raiders at St Nazaire started "a great rectangle of fire at the naval base." Incoming pilots saw the fires and explosions and added their own bomb loads to the havoc.

The barracks at the Querueville aerodrome were hit.

Clouds of black smoke belched from the bows of a 3,000-ton German supply ship which was bombed at midnight while anchored in the Skagerrak in convoy.

The Coastal Command took advantage of the moonlight to harry the enemy off the British coast. The same patrol which hit the 3,000-ton supply ship straddled a second vessel with bombs and attacked the docks at Egersund in southern Norway.

"The gunner of a Blenheim bomber which reconnoitred the Stavanger area shot out three troublesome searchlights," the communique concluded.

American-Chinese Patriot's Task

Ending a 10-week visit in Free China and Hongkong, during which he attended the People's Political Council, had interviews with Chairman Lin Sen of the National Government, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other government leaders and inspected reconstruction work in Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Mr B. S. Fong, prominent Chinese businessman of San Francisco and P. P. C. member has left for America by Clipper.

After his return to America, he continued, he would report to the 225,000 Chinese there the true state of affairs in the home country and also convey to them Chairman Lin Sen's and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's instructions. After conclusion of the present hostilities, he expects to organise a party of Chinese in America for an inspection tour of their mother country in preparation for her economic development with American Chinese financial resources.

Regarding the U.S.$10,000,000 bonds for the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway to be floated by the Chinese Government in the United States, Mr Fong said that he would try his best to push their sale.

Captain Chattey Remanded

Walter Harold Powlesland Chattey, Captain, 1st Bn Middlesex Regiment, Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, was further remanded to May 9 by Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of an unnatural offence. Defendant, who is on bail of $500, was represented by Mr R. M. M. King.

Det.-Sgt N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

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No. 70 L.	50s	3.70
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QUEEN MARY	50s	3.15
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America's Big Plane Output For Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 5 (UP).—The Department of Commerce announces that 414 aeroplanes valued at $25,000,000 and 983 engines valued at $13,500,000 were shipped to Britain during March.

New Record High

It was learned to-day that United States aeroplane production hit a new high mark during April, 1,493 planes being turned out. The previous record was on March when 1,216 planes were produced.

Informed quarters said that 78 were commercial planes and the balance went to the Army, Navy and Britain.

Mr William Knudsen, Chairman of the Office of Production Management said recently that the March output would be doubled by August 31.

RUBBER MARKET CONTROL

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—No trading occurred in the London rubber market yesterday and quotations were not available as the authorities discussed the market's future.

It is understood that the Ministry of Supply has decided to become the sole importer and exporter of the commodity but will use the London Rubber Association in performing this function.

The recently-appointed Rubber Controller continued conversations throughout the day with the trade. No statement on these discussions has been issued but market circles are pessimistic, fearing an eventual decision that might involve the suspension of business "for the duration."

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